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For further particulars apply to the MATRON.

RALPH B. CANNINGS,
Secretary.

July 14th, 1939. (672)

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH AND TUBERCULOSIS VISITOR

APPLICATIONS are invited for the above appointment. Candidates must be general trained as a nurse, and must hold the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board and the Health Visitor's Certificate.

Salary £200 per annum rising by annual increments of £12 10s. to £250 per annum. The salary includes £7 10s. per annum towards the cost of a suitable uniform.

Candidates must not be over 35 years of age.

The appointment is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

Full particulars and form of application may be obtained from my office.

Applications, endorsed "Health Visitor," must be sent to me before 10 a.m. on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1939.

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

RUTHERFORD CRAMB,
Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,
Royal York Buildings,
Brighton, 1.

September, 1939. (1578)

BOROUGH OF PENZANCE

HEALTH VISITOR AND SCHOOL NURSE

APPLICANTS are invited for the appointment of **Health Visitor and School Nurse.**

Applicants must be qualified in accordance with the Local Government (Qualifications of Medical Officers and Health Visitors) Regulations. The successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination and to commence duty as soon as possible. The appointment will be subject to one month's notice on either side.

Salary £200 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £250 per annum, plus an annual allowance of £10 in lieu of uniform.

Application forms, which must be returned not later than first post on Monday, 11th September, 1939, and endorsed "Health Visitor and School Nurse," may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification, and applicants must disclose any relationship to members or senior officials of the Council.

R. C. E. AUSTIN,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings,
Penzance.

22nd August, 1939. (1581)

BOROUGH OF OLDBURY

HEALTH VISITOR-SCHOOL NURSE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of a **Health Visitor-School Nurse.**

Applicants must hold the Health Visitor's Certificate issued by the Royal Sanitary Institute or the Certificate prescribed by the Regulations of the Board of Education.

Applicants must be State Registered Nurses and also hold the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

The successful applicant will be required to pass a Medical Examination and to contribute to the Council's Superannuation Scheme. The appointment will be subject to one month's notice on either side.

Salary £210 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to £250 per annum, with uniform provided and £5 per annum travelling allowance.

Application forms, which must be received by me not later than first post on Wednesday, 20th September, 1939, and endorsed "Health Visitor-School Nurse," may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification and the applicants must disclose any relationship to members or senior officials of the Council.

ARTHUR CULWICK,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings,
Oldbury.
30th August, 1939. (1575)

BOROUGH OF BOSTON

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH VISITOR AND SCHOOL NURSE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the above post from State Registered Nurses holding the Central Midwives Board Certificate and the Health Visitor's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

The commencing salary will be £200 per annum, rising by five yearly increments of £10 to £250 per annum, with an allowance for uniform and bicycle of £10 per annum.

The post is a designated one under the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1937, and the person appointed will be required to pass a medical examination and to contribute to the Superannuation Fund.

Applications stating age, whether married or single, experience, must be made in the candidate's own handwriting, with copies of not more than three recent testimonials, and must be sent to the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 6, Bridge Street, Boston, Lincs., in a sealed envelope endorsed "Health Visitor and School Nurse," not later than September 20th, 1939.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification.

D. C. ROBERTSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
6, Bridge Street,
Boston, Lincs.
31st August, 1939. (1573)

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL-TIME MIDWIVES

THE above County Council invite applications for the appointment of a **Midwife** in the Municipal Borough of Wallsend. Applicants must be midwives in the actual practice of their profession and should be either:—

Grade I.—State Registered Nurses holding the 3 years Certificate of a recognised Training School, the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and whose names are on the Roll of that Body, or

Northumberland County Council—*contd.*

Grade II.—Midwives holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and whose names are on the Roll of that Body.

Salary: Grade I.—£200 per annum rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £230, and Grade II.—£180 rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £210.

The appointment will be made subject to the terms of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1937, and the Midwives Act, 1936, and successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination.

Application forms may be obtained from the undersigned and must be returned to him accompanied by three recent testimonials on or before Friday, 15th September, 1939.

WILLIAM F. J. WHITLEY,
County Medical Officer.

County Hall,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1. (1572)

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH VISITORS

APPLICATIONS are invited for posts as **Health Visitor, School Nurse and Tuberculosis Nurse** (combined appointment) on the staff of the County Medical Officer.

Candidates must be fully trained Nurses and hold the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board. They must also have had experience as Health Visitor or be in possession of the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

Salary £200 a year, rising on approved service by increments to £275 (subject to deductions for pension), in addition to travelling and other allowances.

Applications, with copies of not more than three recent testimonials, upon a form which, with the conditions of appointment, may be obtained from the COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER, The Castle, Winchester, should be sent to him as soon as possible, and not later than the 16th September, 1939. Canvassing is prohibited.

F. V. BARBER,
Clerk of the County Council.

The Castle,
Winchester.
28th August, 1939. (1549)

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SMETHWICK

HEALTH VISITOR AND SCHOOL NURSE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of **Health Visitor and School Nurse** for maternity and child welfare work, general health visiting and school medical inspection work.

Salary £200 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £10 to £250 per annum, plus £15 per annum uniform allowance, and 2s. per week travelling allowance.

Candidates should be State-registered nurses, and possess the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and the Health Visitor's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

The appointment will be terminable by one month's notice on either side, and will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and to a medical examination being passed satisfactorily.

Application forms may be obtained from the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, Public Health Department, Hales Lane, Smethwick, to whom such forms when completed must be returned, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, not later than 13th September, 1939.

Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify.

FRANK CHAPMAN,
Town Clerk.

Council House,
Smethwick.
29th August, 1939. (1561)

BOROUGH OF HESTON AND ISLEWORTH

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH VISITOR

THE Borough Council invite applications for the appointment of two **Health Visitors.**

Applicants must be State Registered Nurses, and hold qualifications in accordance with the Local Government (Qualifications of Medical Officers and Health Visitors) Regulations, 1930.

Previous experience is essential, and applicants must be prepared regularly to use a bicycle provided by the Council in the performance of their duties. Applicants should be under 35 years of age.

Salary will be £225 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £325 per annum.

The successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination and to contribute to the Council's Superannuation Fund.

A uniform allowance, provided approved uniform is regularly worn on duty, of £10 per annum will be paid.

Annual leave is 21 working days.

For list of duties and application form apply to the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 92, Bath Road, Hounslow.

Applications for the appointments, endorsed "Health Visitor," must reach the undersigned not later than noon on Monday, 25th September, 1939.

HAROLD SWANN,
Town Clerk.

Council House,
Hounslow. (1589)

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Applications, stating age, qualifications, experience and references, should be addressed to the undersigned, not later than 20th September, 1939.

E. A. BIDEN,
Secretary.
(1610)

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of **Matron** to the Memorial Cottage Hospital, St. Andrews, to commence duty beginning of January next.

This is a well equipped hospital with 36 beds for paying and public patients. The main work is Surgical and Midwifery.

Applicants must have good Surgical and Medical experience, be State Registered, and in possession of the C.M.B. Certificate, and have experience in housekeeping. The commencing salary is £150 per annum, with uniform allowance.

Applications, with three copies of testimonials, to be lodged by 21st September with the HONORARY MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, Westlands, St. Andrews. (1519)

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BURNLEY

BURNLEY MUNICIPAL GENERAL HOSPITAL—MATRON

THE Town Council invites applications for the post of **Matron** at the Municipal General Hospital.

Candidates must be fully trained State-registered Nurses and State-certified Midwives, and have held responsible administrative hospital appointments.

The Hospital has accommodation for 250 patients, but will probably be extended in the future. It is approved as a complete training school for nurses.

Salary £225 per annum, rising by annual increments of £25 to £275 per annum, together with residential emoluments valued for superannuation purposes at £120 per annum, and uniform.

Further particulars and forms of application may be obtained from the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, Public Health Department, St. James' Street, Burnley, to whom they should be returned, together with three recent testimonials, not later than Monday, 25th September, 1939.

Canvassing either directly or indirectly will be a disqualification.

HARRY PLOWMAN,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
Burnley.
8th September, 1939. (1608)

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE Council invite applications for the following appointments, viz:—

BOSWORTH PARK INFIRMARY.
Assistant Nurse.

LUTTERWORTH INSTITUTION.
Assistant Matron (S.R. Nurse). Annual Salary £85 rising to £90.

MARKET HARBOROUGH INSTITUTION.
Sister with C.M.B. Annual Salary £90 rising to £100.

Salaries for the appointment of Assistant Nurse are:—Without previous experience, £45 per annum. With approved experience, 1 year, £50 per annum; 2 years, £55 per annum; 3 years, £60 per annum. Rising in all cases to £65 per annum.

The appointments will be with board, apartments, washing, and an allowance of uniform in accordance with the Council's scale, and will be subject to the Sick Pay Rules and Regulations of the Council.

The appointments are designated posts for the purpose of Superannuation.

Applications in candidate's own handwriting, stating age, marital condition, experience, qualifications (if any), etc., together with copies of three recent testimonials, should be forwarded to the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER, Leicestershire County Council 6, St. Martin's, Leicester, forthwith.

LUCAS E. RUMSEY,
Clerk of the County Council.

County Offices,
Leicester.
31st August, 1939. (1579)

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

NETHER EDGE HOSPITAL,
MATERNITY DEPARTMENT

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of **Senior Maternity Sister** at the above Hospital, which is approved for the second period of training under the rules of the Central Midwives Board.

Candidates must be State-registered Nurses with C.M.B., and preferably approved Teachers of Midwifery.

Salary £105 by £10 per annum to £165, with full residential allowances, apply, stating age, full particulars of previous experience and when at liberty, to:—MATRON, Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield, 11. (1609)

CHALFONT COLONY FOR EPILEPTICS, BUCKS

WANTED, a **Second Assistant Matron,** must be fully trained and State-registered. Salary £100, rising to £120 by annual increments of £5 with the usual emoluments and uniform and with the option of contributing to the Staff Assurance Scheme of the National Society for Epileptics.

Apply stating age and previous experience and enclosing copies of testimonials to MATRON. (1503)

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HOUSEKEEPING **Sister** experienced, to take charge of catering and kitchen, knowledge of dietetics preferred. Board residence and uniform material.

Salary according to experience. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply with full particulars and copies of recent testimonials to the MATRON. (1603)

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

THE Health Committee of the Nottingham City Council invite applications for the position of **Second Sister Tutor** at their City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham. Candidates must have some Teaching qualification, and will work in conjunction with the present Sister Tutor, on the tutorial side of the Hospital and in the newly-opening Preliminary Training School. Applicants must have had considerable experience of the work in a large hospital, and have had Ward experience. Salary at the rate of £155 by £10 to £175. The selected Candidate will be required to pass a Medical Examination and to contribute to the Council's Superannuation Scheme. (1389)

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SHEFFIELD

137 BEDS

HOUSEKEEPING **Sister** required, S.R.N. Applicants must hold a Housekeeping Certificate and must have held a Ward Sister's post.

Salary according to experience. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force. Uniform material provided.

Apply to the MATRON with copies of three recent testimonials. (1584)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT BOARD FOR TUBERCULOSIS

STANDISH HOUSE SANATORIUM

NIGHT **Sister** required. Must be general trained. Salary £90-£105 p.a. Uniform allowance £8. Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply, giving Matron's name for reference, to MATRON, Standish House, Stonehouse, Glos.

RICHARD L. MOON,
Clerk of the Joint Board.
1600)

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

HAWKMOOR SANATORIUM,
BOVEY TRACEY

TEMPORARY **Night Sister** required immediately. The post has become vacant owing to the present Night Sister having to report for Military Service. Candidates should have a good knowledge of general hospital work and preferably have held a Ward Sister's post. Salary at the rate of £105 per annum.

Apply stating age and experience to MATRON. (1618)

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLACKBURN

CORPORATION HOSPITAL,
PARK LEE ROAD

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of **Night Sister** at the above Hospital. Candidates must be State-registered nurses, general and fever, with experience in the nursing of Tuberculosis. They must be able and willing to help with the training of probationer nurses. Salary £95 rising by annual increments of £10 to £115 per annum, and the use of uniform. The successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination, and contribute to the Council's Superannuation Scheme.

Application forms may be obtained from the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, 66, Victoria Street, Blackburn, and should be returned to him not later than the first post on Friday, the 22nd instant.

CHAS. S. ROBINSON,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
Blackburn. (1571)

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

THE County Council invites applications for the following appointments at the various Institutions and County Hospitals under the control of the Public Assistance Department:—

Ward Sisters, Junior Massage Sisters, Assistant Nurses, Female Mental Nurses, Probationer Nurses, Night Sisters, Staff Nurses, Charge Female Mental Nurses, Male Mental Nurses.

Applications to be made on forms obtainable from the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER, County Hall, Maidstone, to be returned to him by not later than Tuesday, the 19th September, 1939.

The appointments are superannuable and the successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination.

W. L. PLATTS,
Clerk of the County Council.

Sessions House,
Maidstone.
5th September, 1939. (1620)

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, BURNTWOOD, Near LICHFIELD

SISTER, fully hospital trained and possessing the nursing certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association or the Mental Section of the General Nursing Council, required for the Female Infirmary.

Salary 65s. 3d. per week of 48 hours, with deductions at the rate of 19s. 10d. per week for full board, lodging and washing; 1s. 10d. per day ration money is allowed for meals not taken in the Hospital when off duty.

The appointment is subject to the provisions of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909.

Apply to the MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT. (1611)

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE

STATE Registered **Nurses,** who could be available for duty in a Military Hospital in the event of a national emergency, or could accept employment in a Military Hospital to assist in nursing the Militiamen, are invited to enrol in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, where vacancies still exist.

Applicants are asked to communicate, in writing, with: THE MATRON-IN-CHIEF, Q.A.I.M.N.S., A.M.D.4, War Office, S.W.1.

Members who accept such service in the United Kingdom are eligible to volunteer for Service Abroad when vacancies occur. (1529)

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

CITY ISOLATION HOSPITAL,
BEACON PARK ROAD, PLYMOUTH

(RECOGNISED TRAINING SCHOOL)

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments:—

(i) **Ward Sister.** Applicants must be State-registered, both General and Fever. Salary £90 by £5 to £105 per annum.

(ii) **Staff Nurses,** State-registered General Nurses required for one year's training for State Fever Certificate. Salary £75 per annum.

The above appointments are superannuated under the Local Government Superannuation Act. The successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination. Four weeks' holiday with board allowance annually. Full residential emoluments and uniform provided.

(iii) **Probationer Nurses** required for training for State Fever Certificate. Applicants should be between the ages of 18—25 years and of good education. Training is over a period of two years and the successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination. Salary £40 by £5 to £45 per annum with full residential emoluments and uniform. Three weeks' annual holiday with board allowance.

Applications, stating age, experience and two recent testimonials, should be addressed to the MATRON. (1604)

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY

ASSISTANT **Radiographer** required. M.S.R. qualification essential.
Salary according to experience.
Applications to the MATRON. (1570)

THE INFIRMARY, STOCKPORT

ASSISTANT **Masseuse** required, resident or non-resident, fully qualified. If resident commencing £80 with uniform.
Superannuation Scheme in force.
Apply with full particulars to the MATRON. (1599)

ST. ALBANS AND MID-HERTS HOSPITAL, ST. ALBANS, HERTS

JUNIOR **Theatre Sister** required at once. Salary £75 p.a. Uniform supplied.
Apply MATRON. (1605)

KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL, WINDSOR

FEDERATED SUPERANNUATION SCHEME IN FORCE

REQUIRED, **2nd X-ray Assistant** holding M.S.R. Certificate.
Apply with testimonials and stating salary required to the MATRON. (1362)

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SHEFFIELD

JUNIOR **Sister,** S.R.N., required for Hospital Annex (20 beds).
Salary £75 per annum. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force. Uniform material provided.
Apply to the MATRON. (1585)

ASHFORD HOSPITAL, ASHFORD, KENT

THEATRE **Sister** required as soon as possible, S.R.N., C.M.B. Salary £80 p.a. rising. Uniform provided. F.S.S. in force.
Apply MATRON. (1588)

OLDCHURCH COUNTY HOSPITAL, ROMFORD

RADIOGRAPHER SISTER

THE County Council of the Administrative County of Essex invite applications for the appointment of **Radiographer Sister** on the staff of the above Hospital. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in light therapy treatment.

The salary will be at the rate of £110 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by £7 10s. per annum to £140 per annum, together with emoluments valued at £70 per annum.

The appointment will be subject to the Council's Sick Pay Rules and Regulations, a copy of which will be forwarded on application, and the successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination and to contribute to the appropriate Superannuation Fund of the Council.

Forms of application and further particulars with regard to the appointment may be obtained from the MATRON of the Hospital, and must be returned not later than Thursday, the 21st September, 1939.

E. S. HOLCROFT,
Clerk of the County Council.

County Hall,
Chelmsford.
5th September, 1939. (1623)

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, GRAYS INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1

RADIOGRAPHER required on October 1st. Non-resident. M.S.R. essential.
Salary £3 3s. weekly plus emoluments.
Apply with full particulars to MATRON. (1625)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RANSOM SANATORIUM

Appointment of Ward Sister

THE Nottinghamshire County Council invite applications for the appointment of **Ward Sister** at the County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire.

Applicants (whose age must not exceed forty years) must be fully-trained State Registered Nurses, preferably with experience in the Male Ward of a similar institution.

The salary will be £100 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by increments of £5 to £130 per annum, with board residence, laundry and use of uniform, which for the purposes of superannuation are valued at £70 per annum.

Forms of application and particulars of the appointment may be obtained from me and completed applications with copies of not more than three recent testimonials must be sent to the COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER, Shire Hall, Nottingham, not later than 16th September, 1939.

K. TWEEDALE MEABY,
Clerk of the County Council.

Shire Hall,
Nottingham.
28th August, 1939. (1528)

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, GRAYS INN ROAD, LONDON, W.C.1

DISTRICT **Midwife** required, S.R.N. and S.C.M., to accompany medical students and to assist with the nursing.
Salary £85 per annum and indoor uniform. Superannuation Scheme available.
Apply with full particulars and Matron's name for reference to MATRON. (1626)

THE KING EDWARD VII WELSH NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of **Ward Sister** (S.R.N.) for Male Orthopaedic Block, 52 beds, at the North Wales Sanatorium, Denbigh, North Wales. This institution has been graded by the Ministry of Health as a group (1) Hospital for the reception of casualties.

Salary £100 by £5 to £115. Contributory superannuation scheme.

An allowance of £5 per annum will be paid to the successful candidate for this post if in possession of the T.A. Certificate.

Applications, giving full particulars, to be addressed to the MATRON. (1616)

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, BRADFORD

ASSISTANT **Masseuse** required for new and up-to-date Department. Salary £170-£180 with lunch and tea; uniform laundered.
Apply LADY SUPERINTENDENT. (1417)

WEYMOUTH AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL, WEYMOUTH

THEATRE **Sister** required.
Commencing salary £80 per annum.
Federated Scheme in force.
Uniform provided.
Apply with particulars to MATRON. (736)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

INVITE applications for the following **Public Assistance Appointments**:—

CHELTENHAM INSTITUTION.

Junior Nurses. Salary £35 a year, rising £5 a year to £45 a year, with rations, apartments, laundry and uniform.

EASTINGTON INSTITUTION.

Charge Nurse. Salary £75 a year, rising £5 a year to £90 a year, with rations, apartments, laundry and uniform. Applicants must be fully trained State Registered Nurses.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN INSTITUTION.

Assistant Nurses. Salary £55 a year, rising £5 a year to £90 a year, with rations, apartments, laundry and uniform. Applicants must have had at least two years' previous nursing experience.

The Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, will be applicable to the above appointments, and the successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination.

Forms of application may be obtained from the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER, 2, College Street, Gloucester, to be returned to him not later than the 16th September, 1939. Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification.

RICHARD L. MOON,
Clerk of the County Council.
(1590)

QUEEN'S NURSES

VACANCIES for fully trained **Nurses** to qualify as Queen's Nurses.

Salary at £60 per annum, uniform and board residence given during six months' training. Nurses holding Health Visitor's Certificate can train in four months. Salaries according to scale for Queen's Nurses on appointment to district, with all found. Varied types of work, including district nursing, midwifery and sometimes public health duties. Posts available in town and country districts in many parts of England and Wales, including Welsh speaking areas.

For particulars apply QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING, The Hermitage, East Grinstead, Sussex. (1621)

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HARTLEPOOL

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

APPLICATIONS are invited from persons under 45 years of age for the appointment of **Ward Sister** at Howbeck Infirmary, West Hartlepool (48-hour working week).

Candidates must be State Registered Nurses and hold the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board. Salary £85 per annum plus usual residential allowances valued for superannuation purposes at £60 per annum.

The position is designated under the Council's Superannuation Scheme and the successful applicant will be required to pass medical examination.

Application forms may be obtained from the undersigned and, when completed, should be returned to him (accompanied by copies of two or three recent testimonials) not later than Monday, 18th September, 1939.

W. E. TUNNELL,
Public Assistance Officer.

Public Assistance Offices,
Hart Road,
West Hartlepool.
4th September, 1939. (1569)

CITY OF LIVERPOOL

CITY INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITALS

Ward Sisters

APPLICATIONS are invited for the above positions at a salary of £90 to £95 per annum, together with uniform and the usual residential allowances.

Applicants must possess general and fever training certificates and be State-registered. Experience in bed isolation wards and operating theatre will be an advantage, but is not essential.

Applications to be made on forms obtainable from the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, Hospitals Department, Municipal Annexe, Liverpool, 2, to be endorsed "Ward Sister" and returned to the undersigned as soon as possible.

W. H. BAINES,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings,
Liverpool, 2. (131)

DISTRICT HOSPITAL, DEVIZES, WILTS

TWO **Junior Sisters** required.
Salary £75, rising £85. F.S.S. in force. Extension of staff.
Apply MATRON. (1606)

ROYAL HOSPITAL, RICHMOND, SURREY

SISTER required to take charge of Children's Ward. 20 Cots. Must be a State-registered Nurse and in addition hold a Certificate of Children's training. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.
Applications should be addressed to the MATRON. (1255)

CAMERON HOSPITAL, WEST HARTLEPOOL

EXPERIENCED **Theatre Sister** required, S.R.N. Early vacancy.
Salary £85 rising by £5 per annum to £100. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.
Apply, stating age and experience with matron's name for reference to the MATRON. (1595)

CITY OF MANCHESTER

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

VACANCIES FOR NURSING STAFF AT MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS

APPLICATIONS are to be made to matrons of hospitals or institutions concerned. Appointments subject to Manchester Corporation conditions of service. Manchester Corporation Superannuation Scheme. Medical examination. Applicants for posts of staff nurse and higher grades must be State-registered. Emoluments (board, residence and uniform, etc.) are additional to the annual salaries stated.

GENERAL HOSPITALS (Complete Training Schools)

Sister Radiographer.—Resident or non-resident. Candidates must hold M.S.R. certificate and, preferably, be State-registered nurses. Salary for resident post £120 by £5 to £130. Salary for non-resident post £190 by £5 to £200. Applicants should state age, qualifications and experience since obtaining the M.S.R. Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester, 20.

Pupil Housekeepers.—Applicants must be State-registered nurses. Six months' training. No fees are charged. No salary is paid. Board and residence are provided. Crumpsall Hospital, Delaunays Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, 8.

Staff Nurses for Operating Theatre.—General trained, £70 by £5 to £80, or, if S.C.M., £80 by £5 to £90.—Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, address as above.

Vacancies exist at the Crumpsall Hospital, for State-registered Nurses to take Part I Midwifery training. £60. Address as above.

Non-Resident Staff Nurses.—General trained. £2 11s. 11d. per week with meals on duty. Uniform is provided and laundered.—Crumpsall Hospital, address as above.

Staff Nurses.—General trained. £70 by £5 to £80.—Crumpsall Hospital and Withington Hospital, addresses as above.

Probationer Nurses—aged 18 and over (two months in preliminary training school). 1st year £30, 2nd year £35, 3rd year £40.—Crumpsall Hospital and Withington Hospital, addresses as above.

Assistant Nurses.—£55 10s. by £6 to £61 10s. Applicants to be under 35 years of age.—Withington Hospital, address as above.

BOOTH HALL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN (Training School for Nurses), Charlestown Road, Blackley, Manchester, 9

Non-Resident Staff Nurses.—There are vacancies for State-registered general trained nurses—preference will be given to candidates also holding a certificate of Sick Children's or Fever Nursing. Salary £2 11s. 11d. per week with meals on duty. Uniform is provided and laundered.

Student Nurses.—Vacancies occurring in the preliminary training school before 19th February, 1940, are already filled, but applications for future vacancies can be considered now. Candidates should be robust, well educated girls. The minimum age at entry is seventeen years. Three years' training in Sick Children's Nursing commences at eighteen years. Salary at seventeen years £26, at eighteen years £30, increasing annually by £4 to £38.

MONSALL HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Training School for General Nursing Council's Certificate), Newton Heath, Manchester, 10)

Staff Nurses.—Vacancies occur frequently for general trained nurses (for one year's training for G.N.C.'s certificate in fever nursing), £75—£80.

Probationer Nurses—aged 18 to 25 years. For two years' training for G.N.C.'s certificate in fever nursing. 1st year £40, 2nd year £45.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA

ABERGELE SANATORIUM, Abergele, North Wales. (Opportunity afforded for S.R. Nurses to take Tuberculosis Association Examinations if desired.)

Staff Nurses.—S.R.N. or R.F.N. or S.R.C.N. £75—£80.

Probationer Nurses.—£35—£40—£35—£40. Training given for the certificate of the Tuberculosis Association. (Affiliated training school). Illustrated brochure from matron.

BAGULEY SANATORIUM, Timperley, near Altrincham, Cheshire. (All candidates must have sound health.)

Assistant Sisters.—General trained, £75—£80; if holding supplementary qualifications, £80—£90. Training given (for one year) for certificate of Tuberculosis Association.

Probationer Nurses—aged 18 years and over. Training and certificate given. £40—£45.

Junior Staff Nurses.—Two years general, fever or tuberculosis trained. £70—£75.

Assistant Nurses.—Two years' nursing experience. £55 10s. by £6 to £61 10s.

OTHER VACANCIES

WITHINGTON INSTITUTION, West Didsbury, Manchester, 20

Assistant Nurses.—£55 10s. by £6 to £61 10s.

1st September, 1939. (48/2)

HARROGATE AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL

144 BEDS

SISTER **Tutor and Home Sister** required, with Teaching Diploma. £130 p.a.; F.S.S.; uniform.
Apply MATRON. (1574)

KENT AND SUSSEX HOSPITAL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

THERE is an immediate vacancy for a **Housekeeping Pupil.** Candidates must be State Registered and have held a Sister's post.
For full particulars apply to MATRON. (1580)

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following appointments :—

EAST PRESTON INSTITUTION

Staff Nurse. Salary £75, rising £5 annually to £85 per annum.

Female Relief Officer with a knowledge of laundry checking and sorting. Salary £55, rising £2 10s. annually to £65 per annum.

Assistant Male Nurse (Non-resident). Salary £130, rising £10 annually to £150 per annum.

HORSHAM INSTITUTION

Two Staff Nurses. Salary £75, rising £5 annually to £85 per annum.

Two Assistant Nurses. Salary £60, rising £2 10s. annually to £72 10s. per annum.

Assistant Male Nurse (Non-resident). Salary £130, rising £10 annually to £150 per annum.

With the exception of the Assistant Male Nurses, the appointments will be with board, residence, uniform, etc., and the grant of annual increments is subject to satisfactory service.

The posts are superannuable under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and subject to medical examination for that purpose.

Applications, on forms to be obtained from the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER, County Hall, Chichester, accompanied by copies of not more than three recent testimonials, should be received by the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER on or before the 16th September, 1939.

T. C. HAYWARD,
Clerk of the County Council.

County Hall, Chichester.
5th September, 1939. (1614)

SELLY OAK HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM, 29

STAFF **Midwives** required. Candidates must be State-registered on the General Part of the Register and holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

Salary to commence £75 per annum, rising to £95, with full uniform.

Also fully trained **Nurses** to take Midwifery Training Part "A." Fees £20 or free training with salary and service.

Apply to the MATRON for full particulars. (1339)

GENERAL HOSPITAL, NORTHAMPTON

STAFF **Midwives** for Maternity wards wanted immediately. Some private beds. Salary £85. Usual emoluments.

Apply the MATRON. (1405)

WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL (INC.)

VOLUNTARY HOSPITAL

STAFF **Nurses** required—must be State Registered. Salary £80 p.a. by £5 p.a. to £90 p.a., with board, residence, laundry and uniform. Superannuation. Interesting posts, liberal off duty; chance of advancement.

Applications with testimonials to the MATRON. (1586)

ORKNEY COUNTY COUNCIL

WANTED immediately, a fully qualified **Nurse** for the Tuberculosis Hospital, Kirkwall. Salary £75, rising to £80, with £5 for a uniform allowance per annum.

Apply, stating age and particulars of previous experience and enclosing photographs, to the MATRON, Eastbank Hospitals, Kirkwall.

D. J. ROBERTSON,
County Clerk.

Kirkwall.
29th August, 1939. (1577)

VACANCIES FOR TWENTY-FIVE STATE-REGISTERED STAFF NURSES AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS CONTROLLED BY THE NATAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

APPLICATIONS are invited for appointment on contract for three years to posts of **Staff Nurse** at Government Hospitals in Natal. Appointees will be expected to serve, if necessary, at the King Edward VIII Hospital, Durban, which accommodates Native and Indian patients only.

Applicants must be natural born British subjects, under 45 years of age, and the possession of the Certificate of the C.M.B. would be a recommendation.

The salary is at the rate of £108 per annum for the first year, £120 p.a. for the second year, and £132 p.a. for the third year. Free quarters, rations, fuel, light, washing and uniform are provided, and a shoe allowance at the rate of £3 10s. per annum is paid. The leave privileges include approximately six weeks vacation leave on full pay per annum, but the full amount does not accrue until twelve months' service have been completed.

Successful candidates will be provided with free railway facilities to the port of embarkation, a second class single passage by boat to Durban, Natal, and free railway facilities from Durban to the institution to which they are appointed. Half salary, i.e., at the rate of £54 p.a., will be paid during the voyage to Natal.

On completion of three years' satisfactory service, and in certain other circumstances, which are detailed in the contract, the Administration will meet the cost of the nurses' transportation back to the United Kingdom.

On their assumption of duty in Natal the Administration will arrange and meet the cost of the registration of the nurses with the South African Medical Council.

Forms of application (duplicate) can be obtained from the SECRETARY, Office of the High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2. Selected applicants will be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of health and date of birth. (48/24)

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL
(1050 BEDS)

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of **Staff Nurses** at the above hospital. Applicants must be State Registered, have had at least three years' general training and be willing to assist Ward Sisters in the training of probationer nurses. Salary £70, rising by annual increments of £5 to £80, with residential emoluments valued at £80. The successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination, and the appointments are subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Application forms may be obtained from and must be returned to the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, The Guildhall, Portsmouth, forthwith.

F. J. SPARKS,
Town Clerk.

The Guildhall,
Portsmouth.
19th August, 1939. (1431)

ROYAL HALIFAX INFIRMARY

250 BEDS

STAFF **Nurses** required. Medical Ward, Maternity Ward, Theatre. Salary £75 rising. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force. Uniform provided.

Apply for particulars to the MATRON. (955)

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

WANTED AT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INSTITUTIONS

NURSE (State-registered and C.M.B.) at Lothingland House, Oulton, near Lowestoft. Salary £90 per annum.

Nurse (State-registered) at Red House, Bulcamp, near Halesworth. Salary £85 per annum.

Nurse (State-registered) at Stow Lodge, Onehouse, near Stowmarket. Salary £85 per annum.

Emoluments attaching to the above appointments consist of board, residence, laundry and uniform.

Forms of application are obtainable from the PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER, County Hall, Ipswich, and should be received by him not later than Friday, 15th September, 1939.

CECIL OAKES,
Clerk of the County Council.

County Hall,
Ipswich.
5th September. (1615)

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE LUCY BALDWIN MATERNITY HOSPITAL, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

APPLICATIONS are invited for vacancies on the Staff of the above named Hospital of (1) **Staff Nurse** (State Registered) with experience, and (2) **Nurse,** C.M.B. only and without extended midwifery experience.

Salaries as under :—

Nurse with C.M.B. Certificate and Hospital trained, £80 to £100 per annum.

Nurse, C.M.B. only, £65 to £80.

Commencing salaries will depend upon the applicants' past experience.

For further details, apply MATRON. [O.158] (1509)

THE GUEST HOSPITAL, DUDLEY

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

THEATRE **Staff Nurse** required. Commencing salary £75 per annum and uniform. Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply giving full particulars to MATRON. (1534)

CITY OF LEICESTER

ISOLATION HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM

GENERAL trained **Staff Nurses** required for one year's training for the General Nursing Council's Examination in Fevers.

Salary £75 to £85 p.a. all found. Resident Sister Tutor.

Forms of application may be obtained from the MATRON, City Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester. (1612)

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON

STAFF **Nurses** wanted at once. State Registered. Salary £70-£85 p.a. and uniform. Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply, giving age and full particulars and Matron's name for reference, to MATRON, Infectious Diseases Hospital, Hundens Lane, Darlington. (1548)

CITY HOSPITAL EAST, MILL LANE, LIVERPOOL, 13

STAFF **Nurses,** general trained, for twelve months' fever training. Salary £65 to £70 per annum. If possessing the C.M.B. Certificate in addition, salary £70 to £75 per annum.

Assistant Nurses, fever trained. Salary £60 to £65 per annum.

Together with uniform and the usual residential allowances in each case.

Apply MATRON. (1450)

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

OLDCHURCH COUNTY HOSPITAL, ROMFORD

THE County Council of the Administrative County of Essex invite applications for the appointment of **Staff Nurses** at the above Hospital, necessitated by the introduction of shorter working hours (96-hour fortnight) and generally improved conditions of service.

The Oldchurch County Hospital has accommodation for 860 patients, and receives acute, medical, surgical and obstetric cases, etc., is equipped with all modern departments, and has a visiting staff of Consultants.

Applications are also invited for the appointment of **Staff Nurses** at the branch institution of the Hospital, situate at Hainault Lodge, Chigwell Row.

The salaries for the above appointments will be at the rate of £80 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £7 10s. to £95 per annum, together with emoluments consisting of full board residence, laundry and use of uniform valued for superannuation purposes at £70 per annum; and will not necessarily be at the minimum, but may be increased according to experience.

The appointments will be subject to the Council's Sick Pay Rules and Regulations, a copy of which will be forwarded on application, and the successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination, and to contribute to the appropriate Superannuation Fund of the Council.

Forms of application and further particulars with regard to the appointments may be obtained from the MATRON.

E. S. HOLCROFT,
Clerk of the County Council.

County Hall,
Chelmsford.
5th September, 1939. (1624)

GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOTTINGHAM

STAFF **Nurses** required for day and night duty for the Pay Bed Wing of the Hospital. Commencing salary £75 per annum with uniform.

The Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Application, stating age, qualifications and experience, accompanied by small photograph and copies of recent testimonials, to be addressed to the MATRON. (1526)

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARY STEVENS MATERNITY HOME, STOURBRIDGE

APPLICATIONS are invited for vacancies on the Staff of the above named Home of (1) **Staff Nurse** (State Registered) with experience, and (2) **Nurse** with C.M.B. only and without extended midwifery experience.

Salaries as under:—

Nurse with C.M.B. Certificate and Hospital trained, £80 to £100 per annum.

Nurse with C.M.B. only, £65 to £80.

Commencing salaries will depend upon the applicant's past experience.

For further details apply MATRON. [O.159] (1524)

VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BLACKPOOL

182 BEDS

STAFF **Nurse,** S.R.N. and S.C.M. required for Maternity ward. Salary £70—£5—£80. Uniform provided.

Federated Superannuation Scheme in force. Apply with full particulars to MATRON. (1323)

ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

NEW ZACHARY MERTON CONVALESCENT HOME, PENDLEBURY
(40 BEDS)

STAFF **Nurse** required. Must be State Registered (children's).

Commencing salary £60 per annum with board, lodging, washing, uniform. Duties to commence as soon as possible. The candidate appointed will be required to contribute to the Federated Superannuation Scheme.

Applications stating age and experience, together with Matron's name for reference, to be addressed to the LADY SUPERINTENDENT. (1512)

CITY OF LEEDS

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Seacroft

STAFF **Nurses.** General trained. State Registered Nurses required for one year's training for fever certificate.

Resident Sister-Tutor. Forty-eight hour week. Salary £65 per annum.

Application forms may be obtained from the MATRON, City Hospitals, Seacroft, Leeds.

Canvassing in any form, either directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification. (994)

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, SHEFFIELD

STAFF **Nurse** required for Isolation Block (8 beds).

Staff Nurse required for Surgical Ward. Salary £70 per annum respectively.

Federated Superannuation Scheme in force. Uniform provided.

Apply to the MATRON. (1583)

TORBAY HOSPITAL, TORQUAY

RECOGNISED TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

REQUIRED, **Staff Nurse** with S.C.M. certificate.

Commencing salary £70 and uniform.

Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply MATRON. (1568)

SELLY OAK HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM, 29

STAFF **Nurses** required for Theatre. State-registered Nurses on the General Part of the Register.

For full particulars apply to the MATRON. (1464)

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, ARTHUR STREET, S.W.3

VACANCY for **Staff Nurse.** Salary £70; uniform provided. Certificate granted after one year's service.

Apply MATRON. (1438)

BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND WOMEN (Usually known as the Children's Hospital) ST. MICHAEL'S HILL, BRISTOL, 2

STAFF **Nurses** required.

Salary for State Registered Children's Nurses commencing £71 per annum. Salary for State Registered Nurses commencing £76 10s., including Superannuation allowance.

Apply, with full particulars, to the MATRON. (98)

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING

SCOTTISH BRANCH

THERE are vacancies in the Central Training Home, Edinburgh, for trained Nurses who wish to train as Queen's Nurses. Nurses not holding the C.M.B. Certificate are given this training after completion of District Training.

Further particulars may be had from the SUPERINTENDENT, 26, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. (51)

EPSOM AND EWELL COTTAGE HOSPITAL, EPSOM

STAFF **Nurses** and **Probationers** wanted at once. Salaries: Staff Nurses £75, Probationers £26, both rising.

Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Full uniform and holiday allowance.

Apply MATRON. (1441)

BOROUGH OF MANSFIELD

STAFF **Nurses** required.

General and Fever trained, £75—£5—£85.

Fever trained only, £65—£5—£75.

Uniform provided. Board, laundry and holiday allowance of £1 per week. Superannuation Scheme in force.

Application forms may be had from MATRON, Forest Hospital, Mansfield. (1459)

ROYAL HOSPITAL, RICHMOND, SURREY

STAFF **Nurse** required for duty in the Private Patients Wing.

Salary £65 to £70 per annum. Must be a State-registered Nurse.

Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Matron's reference essential.

Apply MATRON. (1104)

DUDLEY ROAD HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM, 18

STAFF **Nurses** are required.

Candidates must be fully trained nurses, registered on the General Part of the Register.

Preference will be given to Nurses who have recently completed training and wish for further experience.

Salary with general training only, £65 p.a.; with general and children's training, £70 p.a., and with General and C.M.B., £75 p.a.

When applying, candidates should state in which branch they would like further experience.

Apply to MATRON at once. (59)

SEVERALLS MENTAL HOSPITAL, COLCHESTER

STAFF **Nurses** required, not over 35 years of age, experienced, with either R.M.P.A. or G.N.C. Mental Nursing certificate.

Gross wages £137 16s. per annum to commence; deduction for board, attendance, lodging and washing at the rate of £1 3s. 4d. per week. Uniform free. Leave two days per week and two weeks on completion of every six months of service.

For form of application apply to the MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT. (86)

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, HOLLOWAY, N.7

STAFF **Nurses** with Part I of the C.M.B. Certificate required for the Maternity Section in St. David's Wing for Private Patients. Commencing salaray £80 per annum with board, residence, uniform and laundry. Superannuation Scheme in force.

Applications should be addressed to the MATRON, at the Hospital. (40)

ST. HELENS CORPORATION HOSPITALS

PEASLEY CROSS ISOLATION HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

REQUIRED, **Staff Nurse** for the above hospital. Salary: General trained and fever trained, £80 to £90 per annum; fever trained only, £70 to £80 per annum; both by annual increments of £5, with indoor uniform, board residence, etc.

Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply to MATRON, Peasley Cross Isolation Hospital, St. Helens. Canvassing members of the Council or Committees of the Corporation will be a disqualification. (1582)

ALDERSHOT HOSPITAL

MATERNITY UNIT

STAFF **Nurse** required, S.R.N., S.C.M. Salary £80 per annum plus £5 uniform allowance. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply to MATRON. (1005)

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING

STAFF **Nurses** required, S.R.N., for increase of staff. Salary £70 p.a.; £75 p.a. with C.M.B. Certificate. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply to the MATRON. (61)

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING

GREENLANDS NURSING HOME

STAFF **Nurses** required, S.R.N. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Salary £70 to £85 per annum, with uniform material.

Apply to the MATRON. (45)

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, GRAY'S INN ROAD, W.C.1

STAFF **Nurses** required for Maternity Wards. S.R.N. and S.C.M. Salary £75 per annum.

Particulars may be obtained from MATRON. (1014)

SELLY OAK HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM, 29

STAFF **Nurses** required. State-registered Nurses on the General part of the Register.

Salary to commence £65 per annum, with C.M.B. Certificate, £75 per annum. (1338)

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING, SCOTTISH BRANCH

EX-QUEEN'S **Nurses.** — Any Ex-Queen's Nurse wishing to rejoin for work under the Institute can be considered for vacancies.

Particulars as to changes in Salaries and Pensions will be sent on application to the SUPERINTENDENT FOR SCOTLAND, 26, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. (81)

ROYAL VICTORIA AND WEST HANTS HOSPITAL, SHELLEY ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH

STAFF **Nurses** required for the Private Wards. Salary £70 to £75 per annum, and all uniform.

Superannuation Scheme in force.

Apply with full particulars of training to the MATRON. (324)

BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND WOMEN

(Usually known as the Children's Hospital) ST. MICHAEL'S HILL, BRISTOL, 2

STATE-REGISTERED **Nurses** required for the above Hospital, which is a recognised training school for sick children's nurses

Candidates will be prepared for the examinations of the General Nursing Council (Children's) register.

Salary first year, £50; second year, £60; with material for uniform.

Apply, with full particulars to the MATRON, Children's Hospital, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol. (87)

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING

NURSES wanted. (S.R.N.) for Private Nursing Staff. Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

Salary £75—£85 per annum, with uniform.

Apply to the MATRON. (52)

ROYAL VICTORIA AND WEST HANTS HOSPITAL, SHELLEY ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH

STAFF **Midwives** required for the Maternity Department. Salary £75-£80 per annum and all uniform.

Apply, giving full particulars of training, to MATRON. (1154)

CAMERON HOSPITAL, WEST HARTLEPOOL

THEATRE **Staff Nurse** required, S.R.N. Salary £70 per annum, uniform provided.

Apply, stating age, particulars of training and Matron's name for reference to the MATRON. (1596)

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH

THE Public Assistance Committee invite applications for **Assistant Nurses** at Fairmile House, Christchurch, Hants.

For applicants with previous experience, commencing salary £50 per annum, rising after satisfactory service by annual increments of £5 to £60 per annum.

There are also vacancies for a limited number of applicants without previous experience; salary at the rate of £40 per annum.

The Committee provide rations, apartments and laundry, with an allowance of £6 per annum in lieu of uniform.

Application forms may be obtained from me and must be returned to MR. W. E. MORGAN, Master, Fairmile House, Christchurch, Hants.

PERCY C. FORD,
Public Assistance Officer.

1, Wootton Mount,
Bournemouth.
28th August, 1939. (1576)

THE HOSPITAL, REDRUTH, CORNWALL

ASSISTANT **Nurse** required with 2 years' experience for the Maternity wards.

Salary £40 p.a. Uniform material supplied.

Apply with particulars of experience and names for reference to MATRON. (1472)

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, QUEEN SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.1

ASSISTANT **Nurses** required.

Salary £52 per annum, with uniform material. Must have had 2 years' experience.

Apply with full details to the MATRON. (903)

WILTS COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

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W. L. BOWN,
Clerk of the Council.

Public Assistance Department,
County Offices,
Trowbridge.
5th September, 1939. (1619)

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM, VIRGINIA WATER, SURREY

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Apply MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT. (1598)

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DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY, DERBY

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

PROBATIONER **Nurses** required. Form of application and other particulars may be obtained from MATRON. (1593)

SELLY OAK HOSPITAL BIRMINGHAM, 29

(TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES, APPROVED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES)

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Federated Superannuation Scheme in force.

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Apply MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT. (1597)

THE GENERAL INFIRMARY AT LEEDS

(673 BEDS)

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES—APPROVED BY THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL

THERE are vacancies for **Probationer Nurses** for increase of staff, now allowing duty hours while working in the Infirmary to include a half day followed by a whole day off weekly.

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600 BEDS

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Applicants aged 17 must undergo three years' training and those 18 years or over two years' training for General Nursing Council's Examinations. Salary £36, £39, £49.

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For further particulars and application forms apply MATRON. (1246)

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Apply MATRON, City Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

WILFRID CARR,
Secretary.

Health Department,
Grey Friars,
Leicester.
8th September, 1939. (1613)

BLACKBURN AND EAST LANCASHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY

(244 BEDS)

PROBATIONERS required. Candidates must be well educated. Age 18 to 30. Three years' training school.

Salary £20, £25, £30.

State-registered Fever or Children's Nurses are accepted as second year nurses for two years' training.

For particulars, apply to MATRON. (65)

HIGH WYCOMBE AND DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(56 BEDS)

AFFILIATED TRAINING SCHOOL

PROBATIONERS from 17 years of age, must be well educated, strong and healthy. Salary £30—£35 with uniform.

Apply to the MATRON. (58)

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, SHEFFIELD

(475 BEDS)

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Enquiries and applications should be addressed to the MATRON, who will be pleased to interview parents of likely candidates. (3)

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Apply to MATRON. (1536)

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HAM

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL, LEYTONSTONE, E.11

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Salary for four years: £30, £35, £45 and £50 per annum, with board, lodging, laundry and indoor uniform.

The Hospital, which is conveniently situated, is recognised by the General Nursing Council as a training school for nurses, and the curriculum is on the lines of the syllabus issued by them. Lectures are given by the Medical Staff, Matron and Tutor Sisters. A 48-hour week will be introduced as soon as possible.

A limited number of nurses on the completion of their training are afforded facilities for qualifying for the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

Forms of application must be obtained from the undersigned or will be forwarded on receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope.

CHARLES E. CRANFIELD,
Town Clerk.

Public Assistance Offices,
Union Road, Leytonstone, E.11.
15th August, 1939. (1427)

DUDLEY ROAD HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM, 18

PROBATIONER NURSES

THERE are vacancies for **Probationer Nurses** in the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, 18, which is approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales as a complete Training School for Nurses.

Applicants must be well educated and strong and not younger than 20 years of age.

Period of training three years, exclusive of three months' trial period.

Salary £30, £35 and £40 for the first, second and third years respectively, residence, rations, laundry and uniform provided. Good off-duty time and annual holiday.

Full particulars will be forwarded on application (accompanied by stamped addressed foolscap envelope) being made to the MATRON. (569)

GENERAL HOSPITAL, NOTTINGHAM

(400 BEDS)
(PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL ATTACHED)

PROBATIONERS required. Candidates must be strong and well educated and between the ages of 18 and 30.

Salary: 1st year £30. 2nd year £35.
3rd year £40. 4th year £50.
with board, residence, laundry, indoor uniform and medical attendance.

Probationers are coached throughout their training by the Sister Tutor.

Applications should be addressed to the MATRON. General Hospital, Nottingham, from whom all further information may be obtained. (32)

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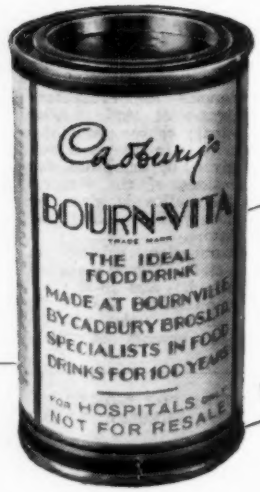

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Where Nurses Are Wanted

WAR is here, and after the steadily increasing strain of the last year when one news item after another has disturbed our conscience and cut across all our ideals of right and wrong, the decision is almost a relief—even though modern warfare be such a terrible thing. The nursing profession can face the outcome with the confidence which comes of knowing that they can give their country assistance in countless ways which will be far wider than we have known in this sea-girt island at any time in the past. Every woman who has become or is becoming a nurse or nursing auxiliary will have further satisfaction added to that which her professional work, in spite of its demands and difficulties, affords her in time of peace.

Many nurses have already rendered valuable service in the evacuation of hospital patients, infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and children who are physically and mentally handicapped. Our big hospitals have been emptied of their ordinary work, which has meant much organisation and hard work. Other nurses have as yet done nothing and are applying to know what they can do to be most helpful. It is for many no easy matter.

It is not easy for those attached to the staffs of our large hospitals. Those who have served them for 10, 20 and more years find themselves suddenly uprooted from hospitals which have become more than home to them and transplanted to strange surroundings. Loyally and with calm courage and cheerfulness they are making the best of their changed circumstances.

To others the problem is very different. They are outside the hospital world, they have flats and furniture of their own, the responsibilities of a signed lease, possibly of dependents. They want to help, and feel it would be so easy if they could be attached to a large hospital five to 10 minutes walk from their door. That might have been easy in 1914 but to-day the large hospital is no longer there, a small casualty clearing hospital remains, already adequately staffed. The real hospital, its routine nursing work and its acute cases which will be desperately needing nursing care, is 10, 20 or more miles out of central London. That is where nurses are wanted and will be wanted for every type of acute nursing work.

It is no good pretending that the position is an easy one. On the other hand, it is the position facing countless other citizens in all ranks of life in this and other countries, while many are worse off, their ordinary occupation disappearing before their eyes. It is a position which must be faced philosophically and with spirit. It might be so very much worse, and all of us must do our part and face courageously the possibility of losing our worldly goods, our financial stability and what is worse, even our friends and relations, so that we may as individuals and as a nation keep our freedom and our ideals, than which nothing is of greater value.

Facing these possibilities, the Royal College of Nursing is there to give every help as circumstances permit to members of the nursing profession whether they be College members or no. Its officials are busily engaged and will give help and advice, tempered with a full realisation of all the

AN APPEAL TO EVERY NURSE

Are you willing to volunteer for National Service? Trained nurses and midwives are badly needed. Are you willing to offer your services without any reservations as to locality? The greater the number of volunteers who are ready to go wherever they are sent, no matter how great the personal sacrifice entailed thereby, the easier will be the work of the Central Emergency Committee for the Nursing Profession and of the Central Midwives Board. Will you make this sacrifice, and in the true spirit of nursing say to those whose need is so great, "Here am I, send me."?

difficulties of a very difficult position. The Civil Nursing Reserve still needs nurses. Mr. Walter Elliot appealed, when he spoke at the Royal College of Nursing last May, for the provision of an adequate Civil Nursing Reserve. He told us that he had arranged for 200,000 casualty beds to be available for treatment of casualties. He said that he realised that trained nurses were the steel frame work on which the whole structure of the nursing care of these casualties must rest.

Every nurse not otherwise engaged must be anxious to help him to the utmost of her ability in the extremely difficult task he has had to face. She can obtain information and application forms either by writing to the secretary, the Central Emergency Committee for the Nursing Profession, Romney House, Marsham Street, or the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, or the Royal College of Nursing, 1a, Henrietta Place, W.1, where forms are available. Nurses in Scotland should apply to the Secretary, Scottish Board, The Royal College of Nursing, 40, Melville Street, Edinburgh, 3. Personal applications must only be made to Romney House or the Royal College of Nursing. Midwives are also urgently needed. (*See page* 1111.)

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Topical Notes

The Royal College of Nursing

The Royal College of Nursing is still continuing its work at headquarters for the time being and hopes to continue to give its members and the nursing profession as a whole all possible help. Its officials are busy dealing with requests for information and advice from a huge pile of letters a day, in addition to a constant stream of personal applicants. The Cowdray Hall has been turned into a temporary enquiry bureau and office particularly for the Civil Nursing Reserve. Applications for the Civil Nursing Reserve being received at the rate of 200-300 per day and nurses are being allocated as rapidly as possible. This work is bristling with difficulties for to be allocated to a hospital sector does not mean to work in that hospital. The patients and staff of the London hospitals are distributed over a wide area and all nurses must go, in fact, many have already gone, to the posts where they are needed most and will be most useful to the sick they have undertaken to serve.

Equipping Emergency Hospitals

In connection with the emergency hospital scheme, two circulars have been issued by the Minister of Health to all local authorities and voluntary hospitals concerned in it. The first deals with the equipment of casualty hospitals. Extra beds and bedding and items of ward and operating theatre equipment, including instruments, X-ray apparatus, drugs and dressings, are being or have already been supplied to the appropriate hospitals by the Government from central stores, and the Office of Works are equipping the additional hutted hospital accommodation as it is completed. The circular authorises local authorities and voluntary hospitals to acquire certain additional equipment locally on the Minister's behalf. The second circular explains the effect of various sections of the Civil Defence Act which gives statutory authority to the scheme for emergency hospital and medical services already organised by the Ministry.

The Civil Nursing Reserve

An official circular from the Ministry of Health, dated September 3, now affirms the terms of service for the Civil Nursing Reserve. We published a leading article giving these details on August 5, but for the sake of quick reference we will repeat them briefly here. The rates for whole time service are £90 a year for the trained nurse, and £55 for the assistant nurse, plus board, lodging and laundry (or 3s. 6d. a week for laundry). Nursing auxiliaries will receive £2 a week, non-resident; when resident an appropriate reduction will be made, probably not exceeding 25s. a week. When board and lodging are provided under billeting arrangements made by a hospital with a local authority, a weekly sum of a guinea will be deducted from the pay of the auxiliary.

Blood Donors at Hackney

There was a magnificent response to an urgent appeal for 500 blood donors made at Hackney last week. Many people reported to the National Service Recruiting Office opposite Hackney Town Hall. The picture shows one of the volunteers being tested by a member of the staff of the Metropolitan Hospital.

Trained nurses in charge of wards will receive an additional £20 a year. If an assistant nurse bears special responsibilities her local authority may pay her up to £65 a year, provided not more than one in four of such nurses in the hospital are paid the extra. Trained and assistant nurses who are not provided with board and lodging will be paid a guinea a week instead. Railway fares to and from her hospital will be borne by the individual nurse or auxiliary, though a request for a refund might reasonably be granted by the local authority or voluntary hospital and a claim forwarded to the Ministry accordingly.

Hours of Work

As regards working hours there is no fixed limit, and members of the Civil Nursing Reserve would not, in war time, wish it otherwise. The Lord Privy Seal has expressed the view to local authorities that A.R.P. volunteers will realise that "rates of pay are not fixed on the basis of an industrial working day of so many hours," but that they will be expected to be on duty when required, and the Minister of Health has no doubt that members of the Civil Nursing Reserve who are giving whole time service in hospitals will realise that in their case similar considerations must also apply with at least equal force.

To Midwives

LAST week we published the appeal from the Midwives' Institute for midwives' to enrol for National Service in domicilary midwifery and emergency maternity homes. This was in connection with the evacuation scheme and the Minister of Health has issued a similar appeal. Midwives were asked to write to the Central Midwives Board, but in the meantime the Board has changed its address and any midwife who can take up this work should now write to the Central Midwives Board, New Government Buildings, Whitehall, S.W.1, giving particulars of her experience and stating whether she is prepared to go wherever her services are required, or whether she can only offer services within a limited area. Scottish midwives are asked by the Secretary of State for Scotland to write to the secretary, Central Midwives Board for Scotland, 18, Nicholson Street, Edinburgh, 8. A midwife should not be deterred from offering her services by the fact that she has not practised for several years.

These Early Days

AT first sight some of our readers may turn impatiently from such items in this number as the results of the photographic competition. We believe, however, that in these early days it is better to continue so far as possible with normal routine. Furthermore, the competition has been running for some months, and the *Nursing Times* therefore has obligations to competitors who have spent time, trouble and money on their entries. We feel, too, that the pictures on page 1126 are so lovely in themselves that our readers will see in them an expression of the ideals and freedom and freedom for which our country is fighting.

To Blood Donors

A STATEMENT has been issued by the National Emergency Blood Transfusion Service assuring donors that they need take no action in offering their blood until called upon. Registered donors in London and Greater London will receive

notification when they are required. Those possessing Group O blood, i.e. "nniversal" donors, holders of blue cards, will be called upon first for blood to be stored. Notification telling them where and when to attend will be made in one way or another, by letter, through the press, by radio or by message conveyed by Boy Scouts or members of the Boys' Brigade. Outside London there are four main collecting depots and volunteers are wanted at each. They should apply to the following centres: Maidstone, 11, London Road; Sutton, Adult School; Slough, Social Centre; Luton, Old Bute Hospital.

Retention Fees

THIS moment, when so many other things are on our minds and many may be away from their usual places of work, may seem an unpropitious one for the circulation of the retention fee notices of the General Nursing Council. It is, however, the normal date for this annual event and the notices were posted as usual on August 31. We would remind our readers that it is very desirable that their names should be included in the new Register, and that time and money will be wasted if second and third reminders have to be sent. At this moment it is the duty of everyone to economise in every possible way. Here is one way State-registered nurses can help. Fill in your form and return it, together with the fee, at the earliest moment you conveniently can. If your form does not reach you make enquiries and see that it is not your fault through failing to make the necessary arrangements for the forwarding of your correspondence. A live Register of every trained nurse eligible for nursing work is very desirable at the present juncture.

Last week we referred to the fact that the matron of Acton Hospital, W.3, was an ardent bee-keeper. Here is another picture of "rural London" showing nurses of Acton Hospital gathering in the apple harvest.

International House Closes

AT an emergency meeting of the Committee of Management of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, called on Monday, it was decided to close International House and let it empty for the duration of the war if possible. All the dominion students who had already arrived from New Zealand, Australia, Canada and India in this country have joined the Civil Nursing Reserve and have been allocated to hospitals in this country. Three other students of different nationalities are still trying to get home, and meanwhile, are doing temporary nursing work here. Members of the staff are also working under the Civil Nursing Reserve in the various places to which they have been allocated. The new address of the International Council of Nurses is c.o. Dr. Schlossmann, South Acre, 8, Latham Road, Cambridge.

The Great Evacuation

THE last parties evacuated from London under the Government's four day scheme left between 7 and 8 o'clock on Monday evening. This vast population of evacuees, which numbered nearly 650,000 people in all, was comprised of school-children with their teachers, children under five years of age with their mothers, expectant mothers and blind people. They came from areas which included the County of London, Acton, Barking, East Ham, Edmonton, Hornsey, Ilford, Leyton, Tottenham, Walthamstow, West Ham and Willesden, and their exodus from London began at 5.30 a.m. on Friday morning, September 1. The organisation has been carried through at the London end by the London County Council acting as the Government's agents. Once the evacuees were entrained the Council's responsibility ended, and arrangements for the reception and billeting were the responsibility of the local authorities. This vast population, greater than that of cities such as Sheffield or Leeds, was assembled and transported to seaside or to country without a single casualty.

Hospitals Go Too

IN addition to the evacuation of nearly 650,000 people in good health, 5,000 patients from the Council's hospitals were moved to towns 50 or 60 miles out of London. Among them were 1,500 children who were not well enough to be sent home for evacuation and were sent to the Council's hospitals in safer areas. Blind people

and expectant mothers were moved by coach, others by railway with perhaps a short journey by coach, bus or tram, either at the beginning or the end of their journey. Midwives, all of them holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, accompanied the expectant mothers. We publish a page of pictures of the hospital exodus on page **1130**.

Praise Where Praise is Due

THIS remarkable undertaking has been carried through without a hitch and without a single casualty. "All along, the London County Council promised London that if evacuation had ever to be ordered it would be an orderly, even a 'decent' operation," Mr. Herbert Morrison, chairman of the L.C.C. Emergency Committee told a meeting of press representatives afterwards. "The promise has been kept. The planning was such that it even included the collecting up of animals and school pets by the R.S.P.C.A." Mr. Morrison paid a warm tribute to the splendid bearing and behaviour of the thousands of Londoners who helped in one way or another. For the workers of the transport services his praise was unstinted. "Most of the railway porters treated the evacuees like first class passengers," said one of the Council's officers who had assisted in the evacuation, "they found seats for them, carried and set up on the racks their packages and luggage—and did not wait for tips."

Evacuees Go Hopping

AND what was it like at the other end? Some parties of school children were kept *en masse* and housed in mansions, their teachers and the hosts and hostesses and maids turning the business into boarding school life. Others were taken in by small householders, and where children formed part of the households interest ran high as to what the new playmates would be like. Small council houses in the country were taking their quota and where difficulties of immediate accommodation arose garages were quickly transformed into shelters at least as good as beach chalets. Luckily it was a warm, dry weekend. The hop-farms of Kent, immensely busy as they are with the just ripe harvest and the invasion of more or different pickers, yet found room to pack in a child or two where there was an empty bed. The pickers always look forward to their annual "evacuation" into the country for September, but this year it took on a very different complexion and their tone was much subdued. The charabancs and crowded cars did not pass down the lanes in a whirl of song as usually. Where men had been called up the regular pickers brought friends to fill the huts. The next question will doubtless be what is to be done with the pickers at the end of the harvest.

Nuns and War Service

CARDINAL HINSLEY has issued a special notice that if nuns volunteering for hospital and first aid work will apply through Lady Peel, Catholic Representative of the Women's Voluntary Services, 41, Tothill Street, S.W.1, they can be allocated direct to hospitals, even if they have had no previous training or experience. "Matrons of the hospitals in question will be instructed to accept nuns on the same conditions of maintenance already made known." As regards veils a simplified form of head-dress is strongly advocated—an unstarched tight fitting cap or snugly fitting underveil, over which the respirator could easily and quickly be adjusted, and a heavier, outer veil which could be pulled back over the head harness of the respirator when the latter was in use. "In France," says the Cardinal, "some of the communities have decided to discard their usual black veils and replace these by shorter and different coloured ones, so that nuns of different communities should be able to recognise each other even when wearing gas masks. Such arrangement has my full approval for this country. Black should not be worn by nurses. The Cardinal adds that it is essential that these veils be washed several times a week. As regards overalls "nursing auxiliaries wear special grey-blue ones, but should Communities prefer wearing their own white ones, such as are worn by nursing sisters in hospitals, no objection will be made to this by the authorities."

Royalty and A.R.P.

THE Queen spent almost an hour on September 4 at the joint headquarters in Grosvenor Crescent of the Red Cross Society (of which she is president) and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. First she was shown the air raid shelter and then toured the premises, where each worker in turn was presented to her. She carried her gas-mask with her in a canvas satchel. Later she and the King made a tour of various posts in London's Civil Defence.

TO OUR READERS

DIFFICULTIES of publication arising from war conditions have made it necessary to omit certain features in this week's issue and will probably mean late delivery. Our readers will understand that this is unavoidable, but the "Nursing Times" will appear as punctually as circumstances permit each week. Our address is unchanged. We shall be glad to continue to receive instructive material of professional interest from our readers so that we may all help one another to give the best care to those we may be asked to look after.—Editor, "Nursing Times."

Extensive Scalds Treated by Saline Baths

By MARGERY POYSER, S.R.N.,
Ward Sister, Guy's Hospital, S.E.1

ON March 10, Derek, aged four years, was admitted to Guy's Hospital with two-thirds of his back in a raw condition as a result of a very bad scald. He had been scalded with boiling water on January 1, two months previously, and was treated in his own home for three weeks by the family doctor. By this time he was apparently in a very toxic condition as his back was septic. His mother was worn out so he was sent to the cottage hospital, where he was treated with various lotions and ointments until transferred to Guy's for skin grafting to be done.

Condition on Admission

His condition on admission was very poor. He was anaemic, very nervous and sat in a bent position as he was afraid to straighten his back. He was terrified of having his dressing done, and was quite exhausted after every attempt. The surgeon decided that the area was not sufficiently clean for a skin graft and suggested treatment with saline baths. These had a wonderful result, both physically and mentally.

Method of Giving Saline Baths

A large hip bath was prepared with normal saline (one dram of salt to a pint of water) at a temperature of 105° F. A tube was attached to an outlet at the lower end of the bath and a piece of tubing was attached to the tap in the ward. The bath was then placed on a table at a convenient height for filling and emptying. Derek was lifted in and sat in the bath all day and soon he was very happy in it. He lost all fear as he had no dressing to be done and came to love the bath, which he found very comforting.

Maintaining the Temperature

It was not possible to keep the water running continually because of maintaining the saline at normal strength, but a bath thermometer was kept hanging in the water and as a gallon was taken out from the outlet tube, a gallon of fresh normal saline was put in. Once he was in the bath we could easily raise the temperature to 110 deg.F. without disturbing him.

Games and Meals in the Bath

We placed a board across the bath and he enjoyed playing with his toys on it ; it also served as his table for meals while in the bath. As a rule he remained in it from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and was then lifted out and laid on his face in his cot with no clothes on at all. An electric cradle was placed over him and was kept on while he was in his cot.

The measurements of the raw area were taken weekly and were usually found to be a quarter

Fig. 1.—Condition of back on admission

Fig. 2.—One month later: granulation taking place

Fig. 3.—Still larger area of healing

Fig. 4.—Two weeks after skin grafting

Fig. 5.—One month later, after baths had been resumed

Fig. 6.—On discharge, raw area completely healed

or half an inch less all round each week. Every morning the whole area seemed to be covered with a crust and looked most unhealthy, but, after spending the day in the bath, by evening the exudate had come away and the area looked beautifully clean.

Skin Grafting Performed

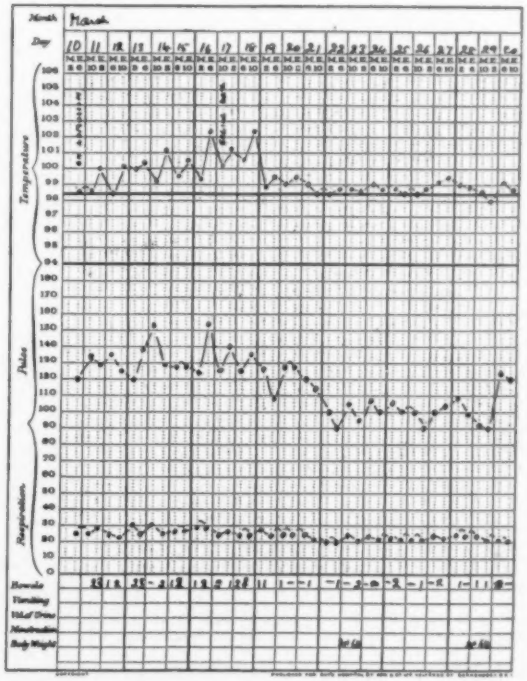
Eventually, after six weeks, the surgeon decided to apply a skin graft to the raw area, and on April 28 Derek was given a tri-brom-ethanol, 0.1 gram per kilogram body weight, and atropine, gr. 1/150, as pre-medication.

The skin was taken from the thigh and applied as a Thiersch graft. A large marine sponge was fixed in position over the graft on top of several Carrel-Dakin tubes and was left for 10 days. The wound was irrigated with normal saline for 10 minutes every hour. The raw surface from which the skin graft was taken was treated with a five per cent. solution of tannic acid and healed perfectly.

At the end of 10 days the surgeon gave orders for the child to be taken to the theatre where the dressing was done and the stitches removed under anaesthesia. The graft had taken in two places (see Fig. 4) and it was decided that the saline baths should be re-started. This was done and the whole area slowly healed leaving no contractions nor limitation of movement. He was running about the ward before he went home.

Medical Treatment

During the illness drugs were employed for various purposes. Five minims of halibut oil was given b.d. and mist. ferri et ammon. cit. gr. x, t.d.s., in order to improve the general condition and increase resistance to infection. Doses of mist. potassium bromide, (3 ℥ p.r.n.), were most necessary at first as the nervous system was still very much upset from shock. The patient also had M. and B. 693, half a tablet, q.d.s. for the four days, March 19 to 23, and the same amount b.d. for the 10 days, March 23 to April 5, on account of the septic condition of the scald.

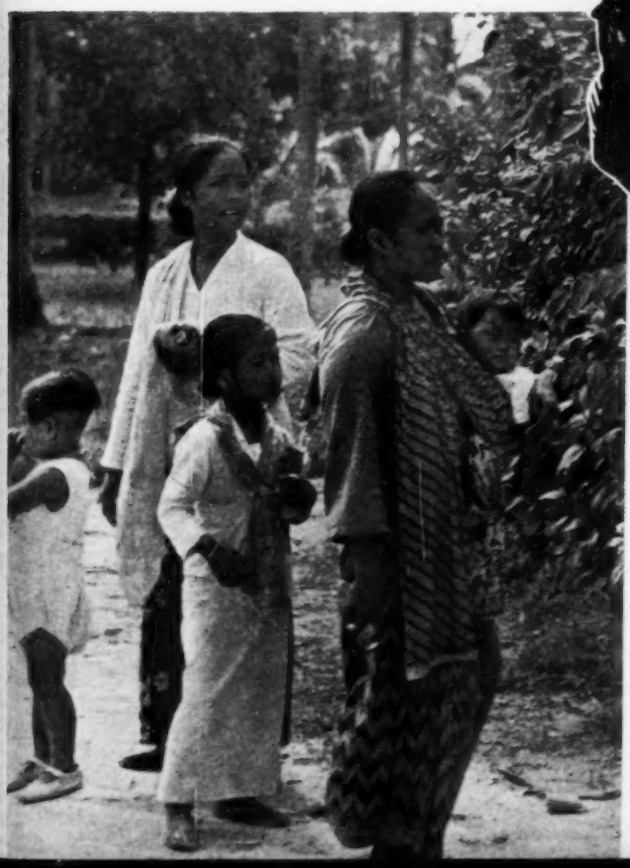


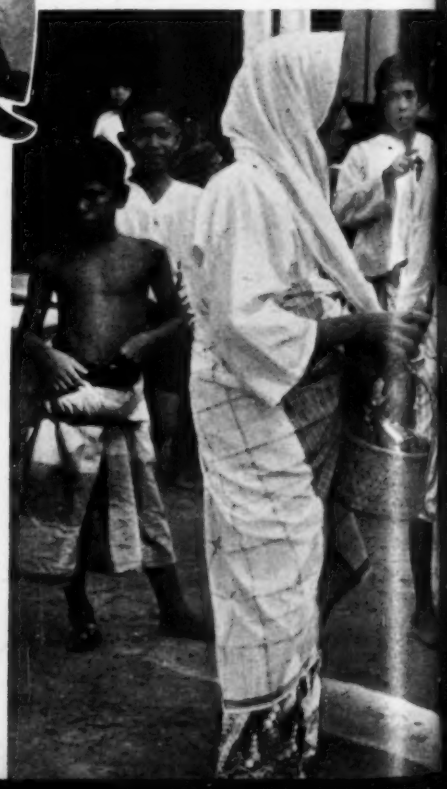
Temperature chart showing progress of the case

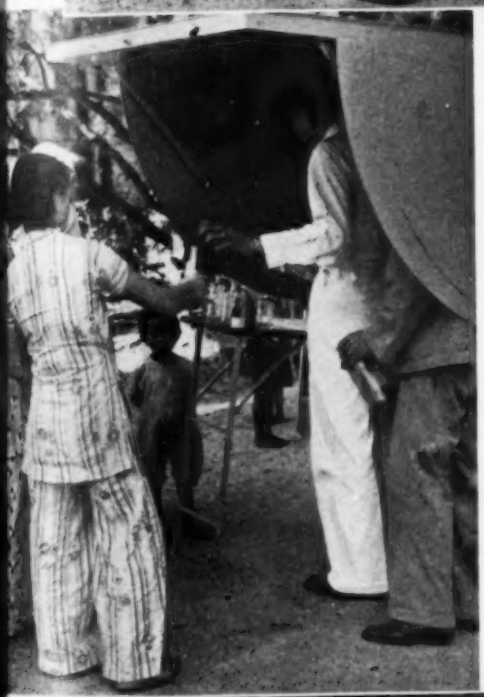
The Doctor *in* the Street

IN Singapore and throughout Malaya travelling dispensaries are a feature of the British Colonial Government's health services. Because many of the Asiatics are unwilling to go to see an authentic doctor when they are ill, the travelling dispensary takes the doctor to them. These pictures show some of the scenes in a native village near Singapore when the travelling doctor arrives.

Above: *injections are easy to give because they are so interesting to the patient.* Right: *"Two bottles of medicine, please, any kind."* Below, *the whole family, except father, will come when one wants attention.* Below right: *the old lady brings a basketful of bottles. All for herself, or does she contemplate setting up a private stall?*

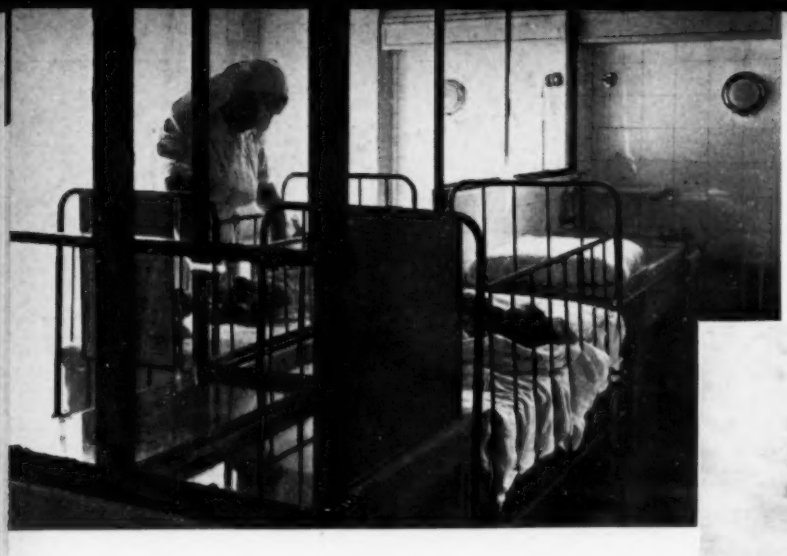






Above: *the travelling dispensary opens up its back flap and "surgery" begins.* Left: *a bottle to take away or a drink on the spot, according to need.* Below: *baby has his lunch while the family awaits its turn.* Below, left: *the syringe at work.*

A Visit to L'Ecole de Puer



WALKING down the pleasant, tree-fringed *Boulevard Brune*, you come upon an imposing façade, extending far along the wide side-walk ; it is a nurses' training school well known in Paris, the *Ecole de Puériculture*.

Puériculture is the equivalent of our child welfare, but this school stands for much more. Opened in 1919 with the generous help and advice of the American Red Cross, which interested itself so greatly in French Nursing enterprise after the Great War, the *Ecole de Puériculture* is a teaching centre which comes directly under the *Faculté de Médecine* in Paris, and not only gives general hospital training and special training to health visitors and to midwives, but has undergraduate and post-graduate courses for medical students and qualified doctors from all parts. The Dean of the *Faculté* is its president.

Mlle Greiner, the head of the school, is an immensely busy woman, and I much appreciated being invited into her light, airy office, and her work being pushed aside for my benefit ; her secretary was tapping away at a type-writer in the next room, where, on the walls, were graphs showing dramatic improvement in tuberculosis statistics since the initial use of Bacille Calmette Guérin in 1922.

"I know you go ahead here, Mademoiselle. What is the latest news ?"

"A new voluntary service for mothers," Mlle Greiner replied. "We want to increase our population and mothers must co-operate. This scheme has the special blessing of the Minister of Health. By a recent decree the State obliges industrial employers to increase a mother's wages in proportion to increases in her family.

"Don't you think the economic factor is the major one in this population difficulty ?"

"In France it is much more a question of the moral implication," said Mademoiselle Greiner, handing me a pamphlet brought out by the *Comité National de l'Enfance*, "The Dangers of Inducing Abortion" for circulation among mothers. In large type and simple language, it dealt with the legal and physical risks attendant on this practice.

After a further exchange of views I was taken to the new department, an extension to the first floor, with coloured ceramic-tiled floors and decorative scheme common to the whole hospital—walls painted in cream and duck-egg blue and primrose, enhanced by the scarlet figures of the electric clocks in each spacious connecting corridor. I visited the voluntary service section with its waiting-rooms, library, consulting rooms, electrical room for diathermy treatment, a room for lipiodol treatment,

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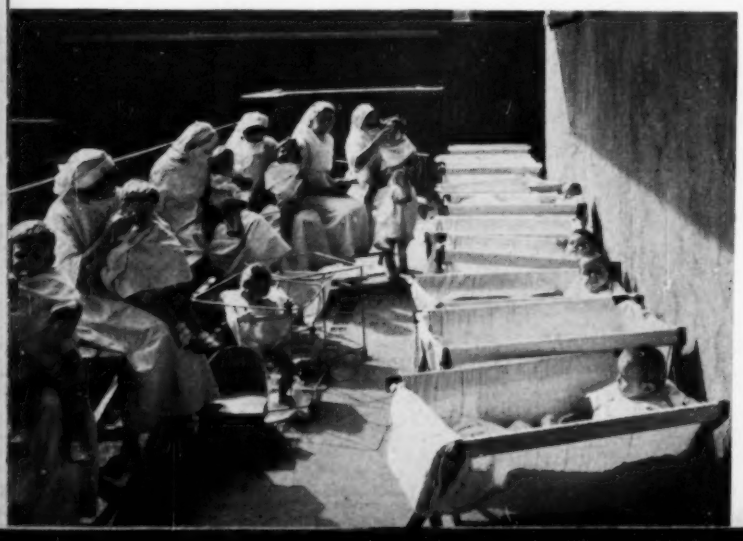

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ctures show various of work at this im- French school. Above: of Liliculture. Top , left has a cubicle elf; rest ium outside the rds. on the roof of warm physical exercises t of for child welfare.

laboratory, sterilising rooms, and finally a roof garden with a little pavilion for the patients. It will be opened shortly.

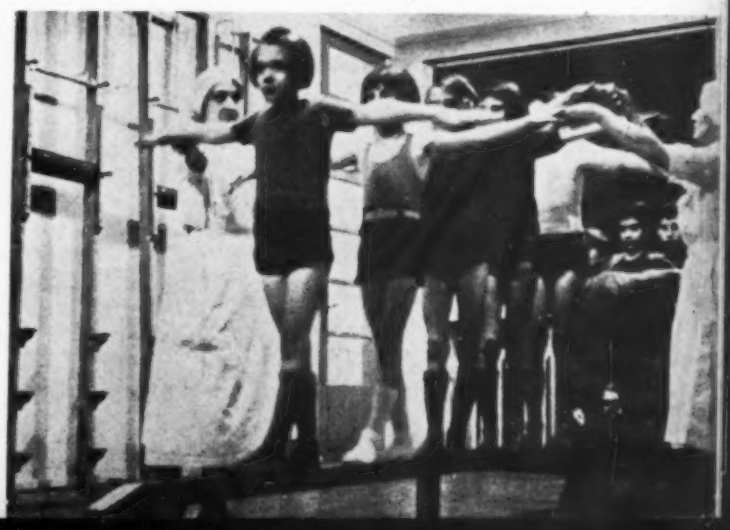
A department which was at a similar stage on my last visit but is now in full swing is that for mothers with lactation difficulties. Each has her own single ward, with her baby's cot and an enamel cupboard for his outfit; also his special basin in the wall, with rubber shower-hose. Under his cot is an enamel cupboard for storing a soiled napkin containing an abnormal stool. In the corridor is a shute for soiled articles. Mothers have their own baths and showers, their own dining and sitting-rooms. There is a room apart for septic dressings. On the roof garden I saw small blue woollen bundles asleep in canvas cots with gauze canopies shading the head.

These roof gardens are everywhere. There was one in the "babies only" section, where the weakly or premature children are nursed in glassed-in cubicles. The temperature is kept at 20°C. in winter, but in any case the temperature of the entire hospital is automatically regulated by an electric installation on a lower floor. There is a milk kitchen on this floor for the preparation of bottles and I noticed small sliding windows through which they could be passed to the nurse in the cubicle without opening the door at all. The air is purified with antiseptics and there are concealed lights for use at night.

In the out-patients' department I saw the provisions that have been made for the isolation of infection, dressing cubicles made with half-glazed walls, and small enamel racks for clothes. Over six small chairs in the dental room are portable Zeiss lamps. Windows throughout the hospital are steel-framed, "English fashion," and are opened by a button at the side. Exercise and gymnasium rooms are part of the plan for child welfare treatment and are run by trained instructors. Nurses must learn this branch of the work.

One cannot but envy the nurses their opportunities of instruction in the kitchens on the ground-floor, with shining ranges and glittering pots and pans in neat gradation, according to the best French tradition. Here, little bowls of pureés of artichoke and other vegetables, of fruit and "soft drinks" were standing ready. In her study of dietetics, which is an important part of her training, the nurse-student has the advantage of a special kitchen, milk-kitchen and laboratory for chemical and biological analysis of milk, and she must know the constituents and relative values of cow's, goat's and ass's milk.

There is much to learn in three years, and the cheery faces under the white caps with their little



One of the new cubicle wards

red cross were evidence of congenial work. French girls seem just as fond of theory as British. Lecture and demonstration rooms were much on the lines of those at home—though rather more spacious perhaps. Here I saw the familiar skeletons, anatomical models and stocks of apparatus in cupboards lining the walls.

Two full years of theory and practice are required of the student taking up hospital nursing ; the intending health visitor takes the same course for 22 months and then diverges. Nurse-training in France differs from ours in the special particular that many nurse-students are married and the living-out condition prevails. There are many Red Cross hospitals (there are no less than three branches of the Red Cross Society in France) where students attend for practical work for a number of hours in the morning or afternoon. *Puériculture* nurses, however, have special facilities for working at the Franco-Mussulman Hospital in male medical and surgical wards ; the superintendent is an old *Puériculture* pupil.

Third Year Work

In the third year, as well as school lectures, there is visiting to be done and reports to make. Pupils attend and assist at ante-natal clinics, nurseries and hospitals for six months ; they may also attend municipal hospitals under the *Assistance Publique* for medical and surgical experience. All hospitals in Paris come under the auspices of the *Assistance Publique*.

At the *Ecole de Puériculture* there are both *internes* and *externes* (day-girls, a *monitrice* described them to me on my last visit, and the term rather pleased me). The school's fees for the girl who lives out are 150 francs a month. She can get meals very moderately in the school and has her own cubby-hole in the cloak-room ; she has the use of writing-room, study and library. She must ask leave before visiting an *interne* chum's room. If ill or unable to come, she must acquaint her own *monitrice* by phone or pneumatic letter, that great convenience of Paris.

The *internes* pay 660 francs a month, bringing their own bed—and table-linen. They have charming bed-sitting rooms with balconies running round the upper floor where their quarters are ; a fine roof-garden ; a great sitting room with tempting couches and armchairs covered in bright cretonnes, where the semi-grand piano must not be played after 9.45 p.m. ; a ping-pong room ; a many-windowed refectory, its little tables topped with rubber, bound in brass where a succession of meals is served during the day. There are also beautiful rooms for the sister-tutors and *monitrices*. Laundry rooms are provided, as clothes must not be washed in bedrooms. Lights go out at 11 p.m., and after that only electric torches may be used. Theatre passes are given once a week but after 12.45 a.m. the school door will be found "*irrévocablement fermée*." Uniform consists of a tailored white overall, apron and cap ; for outside work, brown coat and skirt and hat, and beige shirt and tie.

Conditions of Entry

Perhaps the nurse values her training all the more for having coped with the conditions of entry. She must be 19 (the upper age limit is 35), produce a birth certificate and a secondary or primary school certificate ; two references, a health certificate (besides being medically examined at the school) ; a dentist's certificate ; a certificate of any vaccinations she has had; an X-ray of the chest. She may be able to obtain one of the scholarships given by the State, admitting to free tuition or half-fees.

Since 1939, nurses at the *Ecole de Puériculture* must, in common with all French nurses, take a three months' first aid course for the certificate of the *défense civile*.

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Changes of Address

Central Midwives Board

Midwives who wish to enrol for National Service should write to the Central Midwives Board, New Government Buildings, Whitehall, S.W.1 (telephone : Whitehall 4300, extensions 497 and 609).

International Council of Nurses

Letters to the International Council of Nurses should no longer be addressed to 51, Palace Street, S.W.1. The Council's new address is c.o. Dr. Schlossmann, South Acre, 8, Latham Road, Cambridge (telephone : Cambridge 54152).

Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics

The offices of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, Tavistock House (North), Tavistock Square, W.C.1, have been closed temporarily and transferred to Mount Lodge, Chesham Road, Amersham, Bucks (telephone : Amersham 219), to which address all communications should be sent *until further notice*.

Queen's Institute of District Nursing

The central offices of the Institute have been evacuated to The Hermitage, East Grinstead (telephone : East Grinstead 129).

Interesting Case Series.—VI

Thoracotomy and Repair of Diaphragmatic Hernia*

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THE patient, a young man of 20 years, was admitted to hospital with the following history. For one and a half years he had been suffering from recurrent attacks of abdominal pain accompanied by vomiting. These attacks lasted two to three days. The pain started immediately after a meal and got worse until vomiting occurred. His pain was then relieved, but it left his stomach "sore." There was a history of gradually increasing constipation over a period of four years, but he had no abdominal tenderness. A diaphragmatic hernia was diagnosed.

Pre-Operative Treatment

He came into hospital two days prior to operation, so that he might get used to his surroundings and have a period of rest in bed.

The day before his operation he had his left lung collapsed by artificial pneumothorax to provide more room in the chest cavity for exploration.

On the afternoon of the operation the whole area of chest, back and shoulders was prepared with (1) ether soap, (2) methylated ether and (3) biniodide of mercury in methylated spirit, 1/1,000. The area was then wrapped in sterile towels. He was given a hypodermic injection of atropine gr. 1/100 half an hour before being taken to the theatre.

Operation

General anaesthesia was begun and an intratracheal catheter inserted. He was put on the operating table on his right side and arranged in position as for a left nephrectomy. The incision made followed the line of the ninth rib.

After the superficial vessels had been tied off eight inches of rib was excised and Balfour's retractor inserted, by means of which a large opening could be made into the thoracic cavity. The following organs were then visible: (1) diaphragm, seen moving up and down with each respiration; (2) spleen; (3) left lung, seen collapsed and "shrivelled up"; (4) stomach; (5) heart, seen beating.

The diagnosis of a diaphragmatic hernia was now confirmed; an intrathoracic stomach proved to be the cause of the hernia. This was not apparent at first sight but later was discovered to be occupying the lower part of the mediastinum. There was quite an extensive gap in the diaphragm extending over to the right side of the mid-line.

The left phrenic nerve was crushed. An incision was made across the left vault of the diaphragm up to the gap formed by the hernia and it was found that, although the oesophagus was short, the stomach could be satisfactorily reduced into the abdomen. The opening was closed partly on the right of the oesophagus and the incision in the diaphragm repaired. The oesophagus was anchored to the edges of the new gap, and the stomach to the vault of the diaphragm by a few stitches.

The left lung was re-expanded, but the parietal pleura was not reapproximated. The wound was closed with catgut and silkworm gut sutures.

The patient's condition was fairly good all through the operation. Although at one time his respirations became rather shallow, they improved again without any serious disturbance to the operation.

Post-Operative Treatment

He was received back to bed in the ward and was given continuous saline per rectum, and a radiant heat cradle was placed in position. He was given intravenous saline continuously to improve his condition. The operation had been very extensive (lasting two hours) and it was not surprising that the extent of shock on return to the ward should be rather severe.

As soon as the effects of the anaesthetic had worn off he was gradually raised into Fowler's position and arranged as comfortably as possible.

For the first two days he was given morphine gr. 1/6 four-hourly. One ounce of water was given every hour to ensure the avoidance of flatulence and vomiting, which would have caused him much pain.

He was then allowed a very light diet and plenty to drink, and his condition seemed quite good.

His temperature wavered between 99° F. and 101° F. for a few days after his operation. His temperature, pulse and respirations were recorded on a four-hourly chart for a week to 10 days for observation purposes.

On the sixth day he complained of pain in his chest so he was X-rayed again. The X-ray proved

*This is one of a series selected from entries to the *Nursing Times* Student Nurses' Competition.

that he had a pleural effusion. The chest was aspirated that night and eight ounces of fluid withdrawn. Of this a specimen was sent to the pathological laboratory for investigation. Fortunately no pathogenic micro-organisms were detected. The report also stated that there was no evidence of tuberculosis.

For a full fortnight after his operation he had difficulty in defaecating; it was thought that he was rather afraid to pass a motion because of his diseased diaphragm. Enemata were resorted to, and at first were not very successful. Later they proved effective, and he had regular doses of liquid paraffin and cascara, and liquid paraffin and phenolphthalein.

At night he was given veganin powders for the first few nights and then allonal gr. ii at night.

The surgeon had rather feared an empyema as the result of the X-ray on the sixth day, but the patient improved so steadily afterwards that this fear was gradually dispelled.

The sutures were removed on the tenth day and the patient's recovery was generally considered to be complete.

Medical Notes

Add Bulk to the Faeces

Usually any but the smallest quantity of faeces in the rectum produces discomfort, and defaecation will be normally carried out if the rectum is regularly filled. To attain this goal the constipated person must aim at keeping his colon full, not empty, so that he can take advantage of the mass movement in the colon when it comes. This calls for a high-residue diet rich in fruit and vegetables and the substitution of purgatives by mucilage such as psyllium seeds which add bulk to the faeces. Such measures can be seen radiologically to restore the normal filling of the colon, and with it a daily action of the bowels. These facts cannot be too widely advertised among our purgative-ridden generation seeking for a sign.—"*Lancet.*"

Three Kinds of Insulin

There are now three kinds of insulin in use. The soluble or ordinary insulin is absorbed quickly. In a dose of 20 units it is at its maximum in two to three hours and is active for over six hours (Lawrence, 1938; Himsworth, 1937). It is the best form for counteracting a carbohydrate meal. The protamine insulin (p.i.) of Hagedorn (1936) is in suspension. It is dissolved slowly in the tissues and, in the same doses, acts about twice as long as soluble insulin, mostly from six to 10 hours, and is ceasing in 16 hours. With its use the blood sugar is kept at a lower level, the high peaks between the injections of soluble insulin being avoided. Hagedorn and his co-workers often gave protamine insulin at night and soluble insulin in the morning. The zinc protamine insulin (z.p.i.) of D. A. Scott is slower still; it does not have much effect for three hours or more, acts strongly for eight to 12 hours, and less strongly for much longer. With each insulin the duration of the action increases with the dose. Large doses of z.p.i. may work for 24 to 48 hours or more (Aitken, 1938). With the protamine forms hypoglycaemic reactions naturally occur later; the effect is also less regular because insulin in suspension is not absorbed at a constant rate from the various sites at which it may be injected. Against these disadvantages zinc protamine insulin has the great advantage that ketosis is uncommon with its use.—*Sir Edmund Spriggs, K.C.V.O., M.D., writing in the "Practitioner."*

Reducing the Sentence

In Erichsen's time, it was usual to put up a Colles's fracture in flexion, on a padded "Gordon's splint" (or Nelaton's), and to keep it in a sling for five weeks of disuse. He wrote in 1869—"It will be at least three months before the stiffness of the hand and wrist are so far diminished, even by the use of friction and douches, as to enable the patient to use the fingers." By 1914 this "sentence" had been reduced to 10 days on a Carr's or a "cock-up" splint, the sling being retained for three weeks in all. This earlier mobilisation and use were offset, however, by the daily forced movements of the wrist-joint, which were literally *de rigeur* in out-patients' departments, and which inevitably interfered with the fracture. Nowadays it is realised that a joint may be completely immobilised for many weeks in a non-padded plaster of paris cast, and that no stiffness will result. On the contrary, the stability thus ensured as a safeguard of perfect union enables the limb to be put through its normal movements at all other joints, and this keeps the active tendons free in their sheaths, besides maintaining muscle-tone, general health, and "morale." Many are enabled to return to work almost immediately after suffering severe injuries which formerly would have entailed weeks or months of sick-wastage and pain, and endless physiotherapy. The general slogan of to-day should be "adequate support, and immediate function": and this may be applied with certain reservation to fractured bones, sprained joints, severely contused muscles, and even to dislocations. "The only massage the patients need is the massage of function." (Pridie and Hey Groves, 1939.) . . . After a fracture is excluded by X-rays, if necessary, no matter how severe the sprain, the ankle may be firmly supported, and the patient encouraged to walk, and to limp as little as possible, from the word "go".—*R. Salisbury Woods, M.A., M.D., B.Chir., F.R.C.S., writing in the "Practitioner."*

Suggested Answers to the C.M.B. Questions

Question 5.—*What is meant by the term "venereal diseases"? Give the chief signs and symptoms of each disease and describe the possible effects on the baby.*

By the term "venereal diseases" is meant a group of infectious diseases which are usually transmitted by sexual relationships, the name being derived from the goddess Venus. Two of these diseases are extremely common throughout the world, syphilis, which is caused by the *spirochaeta pallida* and has been recognised since the middle of the fifteenth century; and gonorrhoea, caused by the gonococcus, of which there are records dating some two thousand years B.C.

Signs and symptoms of syphilis.—(1) The primary sore or chancre appears at the site of invasion by the *spirochaeta pallida* about two to six weeks after the infection. In women the cervix is the most common location. The sore is at first a papule which develops rapidly into an ulcer and has a hard raised edge, like india-rubber. There is comparatively little inflammation around the sore. The fluid from the chancre can be shown to contain the invading organism, but at this stage the Wassermann reaction is negative. (2) The secondary stage shows itself about six to eight weeks after the first appearance of the primary sore. In this stage the spirochaetes are circulating in the blood stream, so there are general constitutional disturbances giving rise to the following signs and symptoms: positive Wassermann reaction; mild fever; sore throat with ulceration of the tonsils or typical "snail trail" on the fauces and uvula; a rash which may simulate that of any other disease and may be a simple erythematous, papular or pustular rash; loss of hair; glandular swelling; condylomata, usually in the genito-anal region. If this stage of syphilis is untreated or not efficiently treated the disease will appear to lie dormant for some time. (3) The tertiary stage usually arises some 10 or 12 years after the original infection, though in women it rarely occurs until after the menopause. In this stage the spirochaetes may attack the skin, resulting in large ulcerating and non-healing areas; the bones, resulting in thinning of the bones, deformities and fractures; the circulatory system, resulting in aneurysm; the brain, resulting in general paralysis of the insane; the spinal cord, resulting in tabes dorsalis. Gummata may form in any part of the body; these are swellings due to a localised inflammation. They tend to break down and produce a gummy discharge. The Wassermann reaction is positive.

Effects of syphilis on the baby.—Syphilis does not hinder conception but it tends to kill its products. If the baby is not miscarried it may die *in utero* and be expelled before term, but if it reaches 40 weeks' maturity it is an unhealthy infant and may die in the neo-natal period. These babies are usually small, wizened, grey-coloured and suffer from incurable sore buttocks. They may develop syphilitic pemphigus, with characteristic watery blisters on the soles of the feet and palms of the hands. If the child lives, the stigmata of congenital syphilis remain, and are seen in such things as Hutchison's teeth, scarring around the mouth and depressed bridge of the nose. Serious manifestations include Clutton's joints, deafness and blindness.

It is important to remember that, though an untreated syphilitic mother must always give birth to an infected baby, efficient treatment throughout pregnancy can result in a healthy child

Signs and symptoms of gonorrhoea.—(*a*) Local signs and symptoms include a vaginal discharge that may be thick and purulent or thin and watery; diagnosis can be made by bacteriological examination; inflammation of the urethra and vulva; pain on micturition; inflammation and pus in Bartholin's glands; salpingitis, resulting in blockage of the Fallopian tubes and resulting sterility. (*b*) The general symptoms are fever during the acute stage and joint changes leading to rheumatism and arthritis.

Effects of gonorrhoea on the baby.—During its passage through the vagina the baby's eyes may be infected by the gonococcus, giving rise to ophthalmia neonatorum. There is a discharge from and inflammation of the baby's eyes, which, if untreated, may lead to ulceration of the cornea and blindness. The baby's eyes may also be infected after birth through the mother's hands, towels and so on if the mother is not instructed as to the precautions she must take or is careless in carrying out these instructions.

If the baby is a girl she may suffer from a vulvo-vaginitis. The child of a gonorrhoeal mother is not infected *in utero* and so, if not infected during its birth, is a normal healthy baby.

Question 6.—*What would you do (a) during pregnancy, (b) during the puerperium, to prevent breast abscesses?*

(*a*) *During pregnancy.*—The following points should be observed in order to prevent breast abscess:—

(1) The attitude of the mother towards breast-feeding should be discovered by the midwife. Some women through lack of confidence in themselves, physical revulsion, indifference, or as a result of idle gossip, approach their confinement with the idea that they will feed the baby artificially. The midwife should rectify such a false mental outlook by careful instruction, as easy establishment of breast-feeding means the least possibility of abscess formation.

(2) The nipples should be prepared to withstand the onslaught of the baby. During the last two months they should be brushed with a soft boiled nailbrush, using superfatted soap, for five minutes twice a day. If the nipples are flat or retracted they may be drawn out between the finger and thumb, using lanoline. This treatment will prevent cracks in the puerperium which are the precursors of breast abscess, and also ensures the removal of dirty crusts from the nipple.

(3) The muscle tone of the breasts should be good, and efficient circulation ensured. To obtain this, the breasts should be sponged alternately in bowls of hot and cold water and then rubbed with a rough towel twice a day during the last two months of pregnancy.

(*b*) *During the puerperium.*—The most important points to observe are as follows:—

(1) The baby should be put to suck as soon after

delivery as possible, as this promotes the mother's confidence and makes subsequent feeding easier.

(2) The baby should only be allowed to suck for very short periods until the milk supply is established, and then never for longer than 20 minutes.

(3) The feeds should be at regular intervals, usually three- or four-hourly, with no night feed.

(4) The midwife must see that the baby takes a good hold of the nipple and does not just lick the top, as this is likely to make it crack.

(5) Before suckling the child the mother should be taught to wash the nipple and afterwards to dry it thoroughly. (A simple technique to which the mother is likely to adhere is wiser than the elaborate rituals sometimes taught.)

(6) The importance of the cleanliness of everything which touches the nipple, whether her own hands or her clothes, should be impressed upon the mother.

(7) If engorgement of the breasts should occur about the fourth day of the puerperium, the breast should be supported and magnesium sulphate given internally in small doses. The baby should continue its usual feeds and the mother should be encouraged over this painful period, which if treated properly, need never lead to abscess formation.

(8) If, in spite of care, cracks on the nipples should occur, these should be treated immediately, otherwise infection is liable to result. In severe cases it may be necessary to rest the nipple and express the milk by hand. In less severe cases the baby may suck through a natural nursing shield without injuring the nipple further. To heal the nipple glycerine and borax or amora ointment may be used, according to the type of nipple.

(9) If the mother should develop mastitis (a condition which sometimes occurs during the second week of the puerperium and nearly always in a mother who has had a cracked nipple), abscess formation may be avoided by the institution of very vigorous treatment. The breast should be fomented two-hourly and Antiphlogistine should be applied at night. Magnesium sulphate should be given internally and the baby should continue to suckle on the affected breast.

During the last few years some writers have advocated the expressing by hand of the breast secretion throughout pregnancy as a means of preventing breast abscess.

News in Brief

The Motor Car Leads

During 1938, the 26 health visitors employed by the Devon County Council paid over 61,000 visits, covering more than 120,000 miles for the purpose—94,196 by car, 3,980 by train, 12,616 by bicycle, and 5,946 afoot.

Ten Ambulance Units

Captain Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for Marylebone, has given 10 mobile ambulance units to Marylebone Borough Council and has offered his own services to the medical officer of health of the borough. Each unit costs £1,000.

Mental Research

The 41st annual report of the Scottish Mental Hospitals Pathological Scheme has now been issued. This scheme, which pools the resources of interested hospitals to carry out research on a scale impossible to any one of them alone, examined histologically 252 specimens last year, of which 221 were brains.

In Return for Kindness

The Wellingborough Cottage Hospital Working Men's Fund has given a cheque for £1,500 to the Northampton General Hospital. The practice of making an annual gift began in 1900 when they presented £20. The cheque was accompanied by thanks for all the treatment and kindness extended to Wellingborough patients in the hospital.

Blankets Wanted

There is a shortage of blankets among householders taking persons under the Government evacuation scheme in Scotland. Those in the receiving areas who have spare blankets are asked by the Secretary of State to send them to the local authority or to the local branch of the Women's Voluntary Services.

Results

Devon's maternal mortality rate last year was the second lowest on record, and a decrease in the infant mortality rate is also recorded. It is 49.4 per 1,000 births compared to 53 for the whole country, and the maternal mortality rate is 2.8 per 1,000 live births, the lowest figure since 1922.

Twenty Five Years a Male Nurse

Mr. Pat Treanor has retired from the male nursing staff of the Cardiff City Mental Hospital, Whitchurch, after 25 years' service. His colleagues presented him with a gold-mounted umbrella on his retirement.

For Minor Fractures

The method of treatment for sprains by the injection of procaine has been extended to the treatment of minor fractures with much success. The part need not be immobilised for any length of time and good functional results are reported in the *Lancet* of September 2.

New Theatre for Fraserburgh

The Thomas Walker Hospital at Fraserburgh has its own operating theatre so that fewer cases will now need to be sent to Aberdeen. The extension was made possible by a gift from the David Halley Trust.

Emergency Supplies

The Ministry of Health is taking steps to ensure that supplies of tetanus anti-toxin and gas-gangrene anti-toxin are available for use in cases of open wounds in casualty work. Supplies are being stored at suitable centres throughout the country.

Baby With Heart Exposed

A baby was born in Manila with its heart exposed on its chest. The heart had no pericardium and was connected to the baby only by arteries. In all other ways the baby was normal, but, in spite of all efforts to save its life, it died when it was six days and 18 hours old.

A Royal Helper

When an appeal was made by the Cottage Hospital, Iver, Bucks, on Monday last for helpers, one of the first to answer it was the Duchess of Kent, whose country home is the Coppins, Iver. She worked for several hours with local volunteers and helped to pad splints for emergency use.

Increasing Population at Enfield

The live birth rate for Enfield during 1938 (18.88 per 1,000 population) is the highest recorded since 1923, and the general death rate (9.15 per 1,000) is the lowest recorded since that year. These figures appear in the recently issued annual report of the medical officer of health for Enfield.

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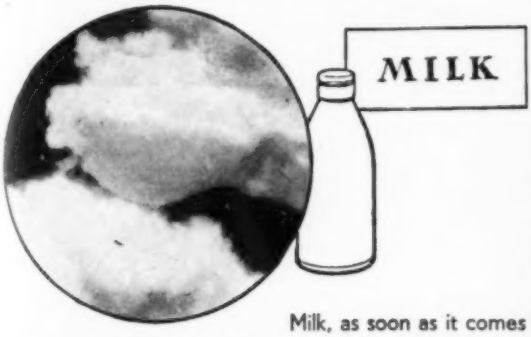
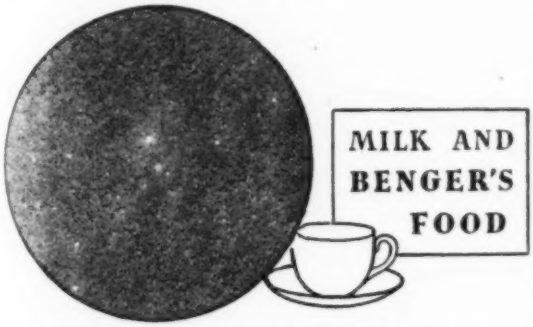
the Breakdown of Milk Protein

by Benger's Food



Milk, as soon as it comes in contact with the gastric juice, forms heavy curds. Many children and adults cannot properly digest these curds, and they cause pain and discomfort to persons with impaired digestion. For this reason many who most need milk are denied its great benefits.



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Above: *taken by Miss Hanna, of Bishops Cleeve, G*

"Fresh Woods

Results of

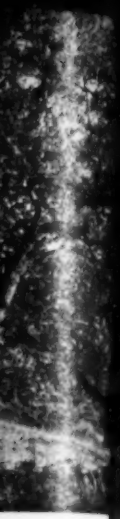
Above: *first prize, Mrs. Vardy, of Woking*

Right: *highly commended, Miss Wollen, of New Barnet*

Below: *highly commended, Miss A. F. Boys, of Bexhill*

WE have now received the opinion of the editor of *Kodak Magazine* on the entries to our August photographic competition, and are pleased to announce the results. We had hoped the subject, "Fresh woods and pastures new," would lend itself to all sorts of interpretations, the majority naturally being holiday pictures, but, unfortunately, those who attempted the metaphorical line did not do it successfully enough to win prizes or earn reproduction. Undoubtedly the best pictures were those of literal fresh woods and new pastures.

The photograph awarded first prize (reproduced at the top left hand corner) almost speaks the words of the quotation in the questing expression on the faces of the sheep. The consolation book prize goes to Miss H. Martin, whose picture (right



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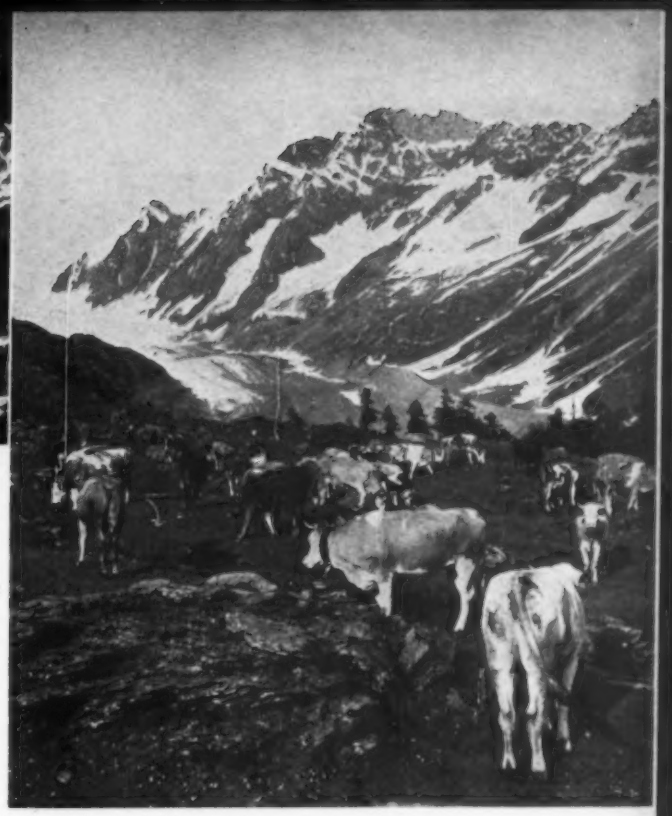
Above: *taken by Miss M. Strother, of Collingham, Leeds*



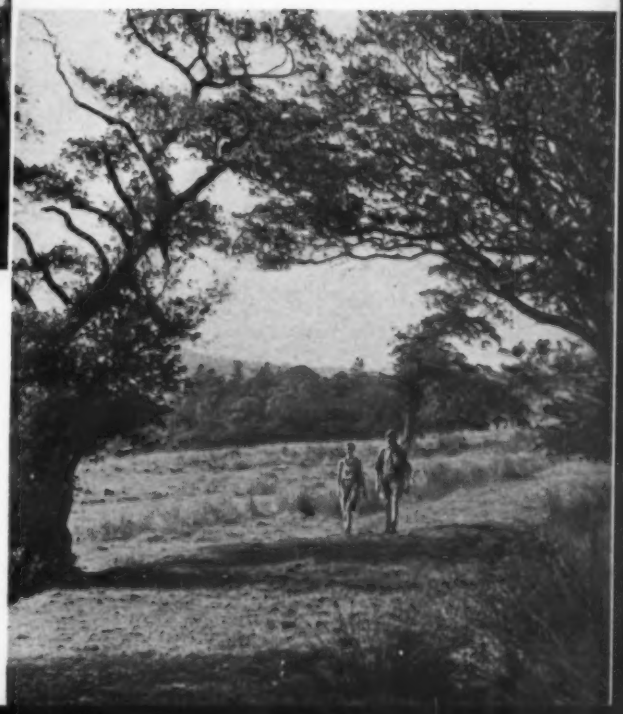
Voodand Pastures New"

Results of "Nursing Times" Photographic Competition for August

Above: *consolation book prize, Miss H. Martin, of Geneva*

Left: *taken by Miss J. E. Clark, of Heathfield, Sussex*

Below: *highly commended, J. E. Pickering, of Levenshulme, Manchester*



hand corner on this page) of cows turned out, obviously at the beginning of the season on the Swiss mountains, has a fine freshness. The editor of *Kodak Magazine* has selected four instead of two pictures this month which he highly commends: Miss Wollen's of the Grasmere scene opening before the girl (left), Miss Boys' Swiss photograph of flowery pastures (left), J. E. Pickering's of the walkers (right), and the one by Miss H. Speir on page 1131.

Entries being particularly attractive this month we have given more space to their reproduction, and details of the September competition, rules and prizes will also be found on page 1131.

Book Reviews

TEXTBOOK OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.—*By Various Authors. (E. and S. Livingstone, 16 and 17, Teviot Place, Edinburgh; price 25s.)*

MEDICAL treatment has been considerably revolutionised within the last decade. This volume of over 1,100 pages gives, as far as it is humanly possible to do so, a very complete account of modern therapeutic methods by over 30 authors.

A very full account is given of the treatment of infectious diseases. I notice that the writer is in favour of giving serum in the early stage of acute poliomyelitis. Certainly it is of no use whatever as a prophylactic and may even prove dangerous, nor can nasal spraying be safely recommended. It is, therefore, probably a waste of space to include such methods in the text. I was pleased to note, however, that the writer believes that convalescent serum is of no value in cases of measles.

The section on tuberculosis is very full and it is stated that there is considerable doubt as to the efficacy of gold therapy in this disease. The sections on skin diseases, venereal diseases and tropical maladies are good. Reference is made to a new drug, used in the treatment of malaria. Common disorders in infancy receive a fairly complete consideration. The section dealing with industrial diseases could, with advantage, be considerably extended. A very complete account is given of the modern treatment of diabetes.

The portion of the volume devoted to diseases of the blood is, in my opinion, one of the best. I am very sceptical, however, as to the value of vaccines prepared from a supposed causal virus in cases of Hodgkin's disease. Gastro-intestinal and hepatic disorders receive very full attention and excellent dietetic directions are given. The treatment of disorders of the heart and circulation is very clearly outlined and the management of the ambulant cardiac patient is fully discussed. In fact this section ranks with that on diseases of the blood as being among the best in the whole book. There are also chapters on the treatment of diseases of the nose, throat and ear, of the respiratory system, as well as of the kidney and urinary tract generally. Chronic rheumatic diseases are discussed at considerable length. There is a good account given of the treatment of nervous disorders. I think, however, that the prescriptions given by the writer should have been in Latin.

The book concludes with a chapter on technical procedures and oxygen therapy followed by an exceptionally full index for which a special word of praise is due. The reviewer regards this volume as the best one extant on modern medical treatment.

J.B., M.D., LL.B.(Lond.)

A TEXTBOOK OF APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY.—*By Thurman B. Rice, A.M., M.D. (Macmillan and Co. Ltd., St. Martin's Street, W.C.2; price 11s.)*

THIS book is written for nurses, and throughout its pages the author shows an unusual understanding of the difficulties of a nurse confronted with the complex subjects of bacteriology and pathology.

Beginning with a short history of the work of Leeuwenhoek, Schwann, Pasteur, Lister and Koch the author passes on to a discussion of the part played by bacteria in the processes of everyday life; and against this wide background he shows how great a part the development of bacteriology has played in modern medical progress.

Having thoroughly captured the interest of the student, Dr. Rice then proceeds to classify bacteria according to their nature and properties, explaining, with a simplicity and clarity that is rare in books on this subject, the various methods of culture in the laboratory, the construction and use of the microscope and the means by which bacteria may be studied. The practical aspect of the work, as it affects the duties of a nurse, is stressed throughout.

The section on the destruction of bacteria which follows includes an account of every form of sterilisation and disinfection, showing the application of each procedure to essential nursing duties. The subject of infection and the reaction of the body to it includes a good deal of very useful physiology. Specific immunisation is dealt with in all its implications and the practical nursing procedures in connection with it are given in detail.

The next few chapters are concerned with specific organisms and filterable viruses. In such a complete and modern text-book it seems rather a pity that the author does not mention the ultra-microscope and the possibilities it promises with regard to the isolation of hitherto unidentified viruses.

The pathogenic fungi and the animal parasites are dealt with in separate chapters and the book concludes with a section on general pathology, presenting this subject in a simple and clear manner calculated to give an improved understanding of the mechanism of disease and the response of the body to injury.

The attractiveness of this book is greatly enhanced by the illustrations, many of which are the work of the author himself. They are striking and original and are just sufficiently overdrawn to emphasise the essential points. The improvised equipment and home-made instruments for drawing blood are very ingenious.

The book is a most useful addition to the literature for nurses on the subjects of microbiology and pathology and, although comparatively few nurses in training in this country have the time or the background of knowledge to appreciate it fully, as a text-book for post-graduate study it is to be highly recommended.

A. E. P., S.R.N., Diploma in Nursing,
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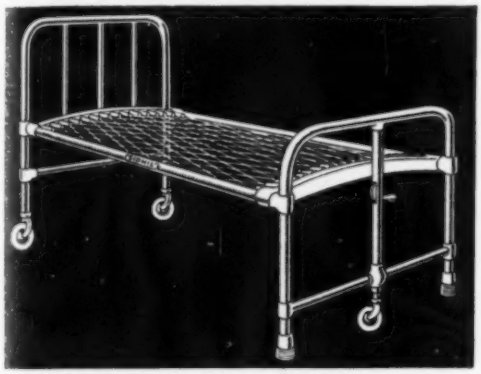

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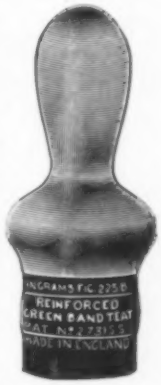

Hospitals *on the* Move

IN the great exodus of patients from the hospitals of London and other large cities 150,000 beds are now left vacant for casualties in England and Wales. Over 24,000 stretcher cases were moved, 3,000 being from London alone.

Pictures show the sequence of moving the patients, some, mothers with newly born babies, others, babies with their dolls, all securely bound to their stretchers. The stretchers were first carried into converted buses (left) by medical students and porters, and the buses went to specially prepared stations and were cleared. Below you see the interior of a hospital train, with brackets to take the stretchers in double tiers like the berths on a ship, while others had to be laid on the floor. Each patient was clearly labelled and had her own hand-luggage carefully disposed beside her. Nurses in attendance gave the patients confidence, and the children, though ill, were good.

The same procedure, reversed, took everyone to their bed at the country destination.

"NURSING TIMES"

Photographic Competition

SEPTEMBER is the last month of the *Nursing Times* summer photographic competition, in which entrants have been asked to illustrate given quotations by means of photographs. The September subject is "At the going down of the sun," and the quotation may, of course, be illustrated in any way readers like to interpret it. The editor of *Kodak Magazine* is the judge, and after the prizes for this month's competition have been awarded he will select the best three pictures of the whole season and will award the special prizes (see below). Besides publishing the prize-winning photographs we choose one or two others for reproduction, for which we pay a small fee. We would also remind readers of the prizes (see below) being offered by Messrs. Cow and Gate for the best photographs of babies which we receive under our competition rules. These special prizes, like our own, will be awarded at the beginning of October, and all the photographs of babies we have received since the beginning of the whole summer's competition and those we shall receive this month will be collected and submitted to the judges.

The Cow and Gate competition is for bonny babies

Highly commended in the August competition, Miss H. Speir's picture illustrating "Fresh woods and pastures new"

Competition Rules

1. Competitors may send in as many photographs as they wish, and enter each month if they wish.

2. Each entry (print, not negative) must be clearly labelled on the back with the sender's name and address, and the quotation which the photograph illustrates.

3. Entries should be addressed to "Photographic Competition," *Nursing Times*, Macmillan and Co., Ltd., St. Martin's Street, London, W.C.2.

4. Each entry must be accompanied by a *Nursing Times* coupon (see page 1132).

5. The competitor must be the owner of the copyright of the photograph, which must have been taken, though not necessarily developed or printed, by him or her.

6. No photographs will be returned and photographs winning money prizes become the copyright of the *Nursing Times*.

7. Entries for the September competition must reach this office not later than September 27.

8. The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into in connection with the competition.

Prizes

Special Prizes :—First prize, £5 5s.; second prize, £3 3s.; third prize, £1 1s.

Cow and Gate Prizes :—First prize, £10; second prize, £5; five consolation prizes of £1 each.

Monthly Prizes :—First prize, £1 1s.; consolation book prize.

Retirements

Mr. H. Bradley

MR. H. BRADLEY, head male nurse at Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham, is retiring after 35 years' service. He joined the hospital staff in 1904 as attendant-pianist and became deputy head nurse in 1919 under Mr. Richard Marsh, whom he succeeded as head nurse in 1929 upon his retirement. Mr. Bradley has always taken a leading part in the social activities of the hospital. He became organist, bandmaster, choirmaster, secretary of the football and cricket clubs and organiser of the patients' annual sports. A presentation to Mr. Bradley will take place shortly.

Mrs. Anderson

MRS. ANDERSON, matron of the Isolation Hospital, Fraserburgh, is retiring after 21 years' service. The doctors of Fraserburgh, presenting her with a testimonial and a cheque, paid tribute to her unfailing loyalty and kindness, to her capabilities as an organiser and to the admirable way in which the nurses on her staff were trained. The past and present members of the nursing staff also presented her with an individual set of solid silver cutlery with napkin rings to match, each piece with her initials engraved upon it. Mrs. Anderson assisted in nursing wounded soldiers at Glamis Castle during the last war.

Nation's Fund for Nurses

Nurses' Appeal Committee

By the time this heading is in print everything that can be said on the subject of war will have appeared in the press. As we write the last faint glimmer of peace has faded, a state of war has been declared, and the whole Empire is ready. During the Great War the Nurses' Appeal Committee did not exist, so that it is difficult to know how it is going to stand up to this great tragedy. But it is urgently necessary that it does stand up, as otherwise hundreds of very poor and very old nurses are going to be left destitute and sadly unhappy. You will all have more than enough to occupy your time, minds and purses in the future, but we beg of you to spare a thought for these lives which we have in our care. It is going to be very tragic for them if you forget.

Donations for Week Ending September 2

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Sale of part of the lavender given by Miss Hartwell		8	0
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Miss E. Bryden (for a nurse's holiday) ...		5	0
Matron and nursing staff, Hope Hospital, Pendleton	1	0	0
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Total to date	£4,334	12	11

We are most grateful to Miss E. Bryden, Miss Worthington, Miss Haywood and an anonymous donor for very nice clothing.

M. H. HENDERSON, SECRETARY, Nurses' Appeal Committee, *Nursing Times*, c.o. The Royal College of Nursing, 1a, Henrietta Place, Cavendish Square, W.1.

Appointments

Assistant Matron

LINDSAY, MISS M. H., S.R.N., S.C.M., assistant matron, St. Olave's Hospital, Rotherhithe, S.E.16.

Trained at General Hosp., Barnsley. Home sister, Hackney Hosp., E.9

Queen's Institute of District Nursing

Miss G. Grazier has been appointed first assistant superintendent and Miss A. G. Jones second assistant superintendent to East London District Nursing Association.

Cancelled Events

Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, Tavistock House (North), Tavistock Square, W.C.1.—The annual congress arranged for September 18 to 22 at Caxton Hall, S.W.1, has been cancelled.

Port of London Authority.—The dock and river cruises arranged by the Authority starting from Tower Bridge (see the *Nursing Times* of August 26, page 1071) have been discontinued until further notice.

Midwives' Institute, 57, Lower Belgrave Street S.W.1.—The refresher courses for midwives from Monday, September 4, to Wednesday, September 20, have been cancelled.

Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.—The Royal Sanitary Institute and the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board have given notice that both bodies have decided that it will be impossible to hold examinations, classes of instruction or sessional meetings until further notice. The work of the two bodies will continue to be carried out at the above address so long as this is possible.

From Here & There

Pigsties Prohibited !

The Lord Mayor stated . . . the clauses of the new City Police Act . . . and they prohibit pigsties being kept in front of streets.—*From the "Observer" of 100 years ago.*

A Home from Home

I am satisfied that a sanatorium can never be regarded by the patients as a home unless it is equipped to provide not merely comfortable beds, reasonable heating and good food—essentials in all hospitals—but ample recreational, social and occupational facilities as well. Wireless should be at the disposal of all patients unless there are strong medical reasons for withholding it.—*J. B. McDougall, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E., in a speech at Belfast.*

General Training and the Public Health Service

The basic curriculum in the school of nursing is obviously our first concern in the preparation of the nurse for community health service. Perhaps this point might be re-emphasised—that, first of all, in so far as the field of public health is concerned, a good nurse is needed, well grounded in the skill and arts which make up good and intelligent care of the sick. It is difficult indeed, by later superimposed courses, to overcome the lack of understanding and of skill, the inaccuracies and the wasteful techniques of an inadequate fundamental education. First of all, then, is proposed this premise—that all in the public health field are specifically, generally, and personally concerned with the quality of the product which comes from our schools of nursing.—*Elinor Lee Beebe, Ph.D., writing in the "Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing."*

A Fourfold Nature

Every nurse has a fourfold nature to be cultivated: a physical, mental, spiritual and social nature. All need due consideration and nurture if the nurse is to avoid becoming warped and stunted in growth, one-sided and narrow in vision.—*Ruth Clements, R.N., writing in the "American Journal of Nursing."*

Potential Teachers

Annie W. Goodrich has said that every nurse is a potential teacher. If this is true and if we believe that actions speak louder than words, we must consider carefully the traits student nurses are cultivating as they work with every member of the graduate nursing staff day after day.—*Ruth Clements, R.N., writing in the "American Journal of Nursing."*

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Nurses on China's War Front

A ward in a Chinese Red Cross hospital

THERE is no eight-hour day for Chinese girl nurses. Rather is it a matter of day and night work, too, especially for those in war areas. Often, after a hard day with casualties, they will sit far into the night preparing bandages and swabs by the light of an oil lamp.

In November last 11 nurses, ranging in age from 18 to 21, resigned in a body from the municipal hospital at Chungking, the war-time capital in Szechwan, to go to the front for war service. They were assigned to hospitals in the war area south of the Yangtse river, where many soldiers from their own province were fighting. The following pen picture of their work was contained in a letter written by one of the girls to a former colleague in Chungking Hospital:

"We have nine different duties here in this field hospital. Each of us has to take care of 40 people at least. But when fierce fighting is raging at the front we have to work day and night cleaning and dressing bullet holes or bayonet gashes, sometimes helping gas victims fighting for breath. There are no such things as shifts or rest here unless it is really quiet at the front. But we are not complaining, for history is being written with the blood of these men, and we are proud to be helping in this epic.

"When we are dressing their wounds, or when we have nothing particular to do we sometimes have a little chat with the men, asking them about their families and their life in the army. We have learned quite a lot about their temperament and mentality, and this enables us to do our work better.

"Taking care of the men's meals, planning their diet, improving sanitary conditions and helping in the management and discipline of the wounded are all among our tasks. We are glad to think that living conditions and general order in the hospital are better than when we first came."

Soldiers in China are not yet accustomed to discipline by women as the great majority of nurses are male, and it is no uncommon thing for the food bowls to be hurled at the girls' heads. With seven or eight hundred men drawn from all parts of the country in this particular hospital the nurses often have to settle disputes. On one occasion when the northerners came to blows with the southerners, the nurses had to disarm them of their sticks and send them to their respective wards.

Letter writing for the men is another job these nurses perform. They also organise discussion groups and establish night classes. Many of the men who were of the illiterate farming class before they joined up can now read and write.

The nurses have also established a small club house with some musical instruments for the patients' use. They teach them patriotic and folk-lore songs twice a week, and they also give entertainments to the wounded and to the people living near the hospital.

"We wish that you could be with us," writes the nurse quoted above to her friend, "for this is indeed life, a life that you miss in the mountain city of Chungking."

Since that letter was written the mountain city has suffered badly from air-raids, seeing life indeed—and death, with municipal and mission hospitals working day and night to deal with the thousands of wounded.

E.L.

Chinese wounded in a base hospital

Royal College of Nursing News

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Public Health Section

Local Report

BRISTOL BRANCH PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.—We regret to announce that the open meeting arranged for Wednesday, September 13, has been cancelled.

Sister Tutor Section

Central Sectional Committee

The meeting of the committee arranged for Saturday, September 2, has been postponed until further notice.

Branch Reports

Bristol Branch.—We regret to announce that the remaining lectures of the refresher course for trained nurses in Bristol have been cancelled until further notice.

Cornwall Branch.—The meeting which was to have been held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, has been cancelled.

To Branch Secretaries

Branch secretaries are reminded that notices for the current issue must reach this office by the *first* post on the Monday before publication. Names of people and places should be written in block capitals, and notices should be typewritten or written legibly on one side of the paper only.

The Cowdray Club

We are asked by the secretary of the Cowdray Club, Cavendish Square, W.1, to inform members that the club will remain open as usual.

Crossword Puzzle No. 394

Prizes will be awarded to the senders of the two correct solutions first opened on Sept. 13; first prize, 10s. 6d.; second prize, a book.

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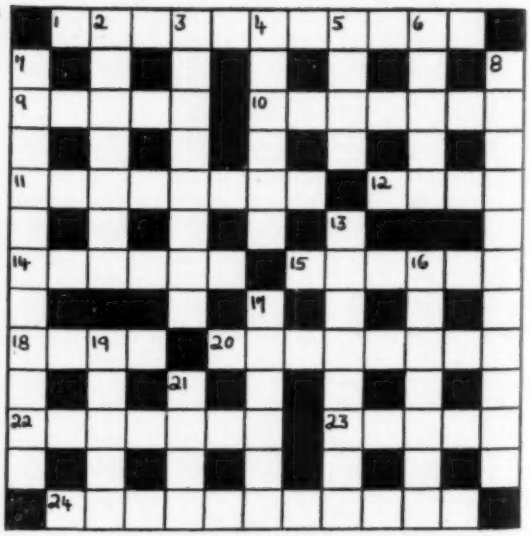

Clues Across

1. Make an end of hunger in this tame apes' pen.
9. Not dear to me.
10. Maker.
11. Not expiated.
12. As well.
14. Related, if not in a family way.
15. The hiker's kettle-holder.
18. The beginning of many a great achievement.
20. He holds figures on the willow-pattern plate.
22. Lacking.
23. Throw them out!
24. Official testimony.

Clues Down

2. Truth will do this.
3. You work for him or her.
4. With a ball, a joint.
5. Aspect.
6. Africa's birthday province.
7. Points against you.
8. Decided beforehand.
13. A slope.
16. A fanciful porch.
17. A slang device.
19. A coming one casts a shadow.
21. Owl like.

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Solution to Puzzle No. 393

Across.—3, Hives. 8, Allay. 9, Tragi. 10, Idiom. 11, Rinse. 12, Minor. 13, Noose. 14, Ivy. 15, Roc. 18, Yearly. 20, Cap pin. 21, Nourish. 22, Soot. 23, Orbs. 24, Suggest.

Down.—1, Maternity case. 2, Cleanly. 3, Hygiene. 4, Visitor. 5, Stammer. 6, Mariner. 7, District nurse. 16, Grants. 17, Upshot. 19, Young. 20, Crime.

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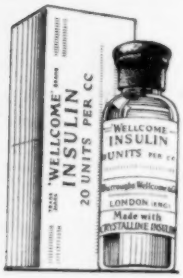

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